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The Scene at the Manger

HUNDREDS of tourists celebrated Christmas in the Holy Land amid familiar scriptural surroundings in 1932. On a world cruise aboard the liner Empress of Britain, they arrived in Jerusalem Christmas Eve.

Automobiles carried these tourists and pilgrims to worship at the cradle of Christ's birth at Bethlehem. Above them was a starry sky which recalled the actual night of the Nativity 1932 years ago.

Brighter, however, than all the stars was the electrically lighted cross above the Church of the Nativity which, from a distance, resembled a large star hovering above the darkly silhouetted roof-tops of Christ's town.

Thousands of worshippers had moved and prayed on the very soil where Jesus Christ breathed His first few hours on earth at the first Christmas nearly twenty centuries ago. It was to capture some precious fragment of that atmosphere that reverent pilgrims came flocking from the far ends of the kingdom He left.

At 9 o'clock Christmas eve—the Latin patriarch went into the Church of the Convent, which communicates with the Church of the Holy Nativity. The service there continued until just before midnight.

At midnight the large star above the altar was lighted by electricity, a curtain was drawn away from the altar, revealing an effigy of the Holy Babe. Then High Mass commenced.

Rich and poor, high and humble, prostrated themselves before the slow procession of clergy, headed by the patriarch in rich robes, as it made its way with the babe held aloft to the grotto of the Nativity beneath the transept.

Here the effigy was laid reverently on the manger, Mass was again held, the procession returning to the transept above.

Evening-clothed Christian residents of Jerusalem, picturesque-attired native men and women of Bethlehem and Beit Jallah, a large Christian Arab town, rubbed shoulders in the pews of humanity bound together and fascinated by the spell cast by the religious atmosphere of the ancient church.

Christmas Children's Day

December the 25th is the Day of the Child.

It is upon this day of days that countless men and women and little ones barely able to speak their language utter the great rejoicing: For unto us a Child is born, unto us a Son is given!

Even those who hold creeds in which there is no Christmas feel the splendor of that cry, and those who have no formal creed at all, still know there is one of the 365 portions of the year which is essentially the Day of the Child.

It is the day when even the most unsentimental adult, long since congealed and hardened by the years, can hear in his heart the footsteps of the little ones. Today they are running about so eagerly all over the world patterning to see what good gifts may have been received, ardent with a hope that only young hearts can feel.

On this day the austere scientist who has almost quit believing in the very laws of astronomy which recently seemed so sure and stable, but which now seem dissolving in a mist of relativity—this careful professional skeptic becomes as a child himself, and considers it hard indeed if he cannot believe in Santa Claus, bearded fairy godfather of the children.

On this day even those who have been the most careless feel like saying over reverently that beautiful prayer for wisdom in the rearing of children:

"Almighty God, heavenly Father, who has blessed us with the joy and care of children; Give us light and strength so to train them, that they may love whatsoever things are true and pure and lovely and, of good report."

For on this Day of the Child we all remember that the most precious gift we can bestow upon our children is a capacity for feeling just such tender and generous and helpful emotions as today stir in the breasts of all good men and women.—Seattle Post-Intelligencer.

Origin of Carols

The origin of the Christmas carol is lost in the mists of medieval times. The institution of Christmas had been more clearly established. In the Middle Ages, and farther back, "carol" meant something more than a mere part-song to be sung on Christmas Eve and at Christmas dawn. The word in Italian, carola, means ballad-dancer. Long ago a ballad dance was performed by a number of young folks taking hands, forming a ring and singing as they danced. Many one-time famous carols have been lost, both words and music. England is the home of the carol. In France there is little of it since the war. What there is is confined largely to remote rural villages.

People Who Made Christmas Customs

JAMES I. was not a very popular king, and is chiefly remembered for his hatred of tobacco. But there is one thing in his favor. It was he who made turkey a popular Christmas dish.

In those days the boar's head was the Christmas joint, but James hated pork as savagely as he did tobacco, so his cooks substituted turkey and the bird never fell out of favor.

Talking of turkey, it was the Jesuits who first imported the bird from America. They reared turkeys on a large farm near Bourges, in France, and from there they spread all over Europe.

What a pity it is we don't know who invented the mince pie. All we do know is that they were originally made in the shape of the manger in which the Christ-Child was laid and that they were known as "coffin" pasties.

But perhaps the mince pie grew like the plum pudding which, in its earliest state, was nothing but a sort of porridge with plums in it. Our ancestors ate it for breakfast.

A king popularized the turkey and a queen introduced the Christmas tree. It was Charlotte, consort of George III., who brought the first one to London.

Oddly enough, the fashion did not take on, and it was not until about 1840 that the Christmas tree was again seen. It was then re-introduced by the Prince Consort who, by the way, became engaged to Queen Victoria on the morning of Christmas Day, 1838.

No one knows who wrote the first Christmas carol, but we do know that the first book of carols was published by Wynkynde Worde, who was a pupil of the famous Caxton.

Many will tell you that we owe the merriment of Christmas to Charles Dickens. No one in their senses is going to deny the work that Dickens did in this way, but we ought not to forget the other writers who made popular Christmas parties and revels.

It was Addison who invented Sir Roger de Coverley, or who adapted him from Sir Newdegate or Arbuth. And that worthy knight knew all about Christmas festivities.

"Christmas," he said, "is the most dead, dreariest time of the year. It is a time when people would suffer very much from their poverty and cold if they had not good cheer, warm fires, and Christmas gambols to support them. I love to rejoice their poor hearts and to see the whole village merry in my great hall."

"I allow a double quantity of malt to my small beer and set it a-running for twelve days to everyone that calls for it. I have always a piece of cold beef and a mince pie upon the table."

Nor must we forget Sir Walter Scott, whose centenary was recently celebrated. Read "Marmion," and you will see that his motto was: "We'll keep our Christmas merry still."

Many well-known writers of the past have helped to make Christmas the jolly festival that it is today.

Who Was Father Christmas?

Santa Claus was not an imaginary figure, but a real person. He was St. Nicholas, who was archbishop of Myra, in Asia Minor, and who has always been regarded as the patron saint of children. He lived 1000 years ago, and gave a great spur to secret bounty by his delightful mode of playing the part of benefactor to the "three portionless maidens."

This happened while he was yet a young man, placed by his father's death in possession of an inheritance which he resolved to distribute among the poor. He did not carry out his project haphazardly, but carefully and discreetly.

Now there was in the city a nobleman who had fallen into direct poverty, and whose three fair daughters were about to be sold as slaves to evil masters. St. Nicholas, having learned this, on three successive nights visited the house in secret, each time bringing with him a bag of gold as a dowry for one of the maidens.

Twice he contrived to leave his gift and to depart unseen. But on the third night the father kept vigil, and poured his heart out to the stranger in gratitude for the deliverance of his children, in penitence for his own lack of faith.

Three Celebrations

Three Christmases are celebrated every year in the Church of Nativity at Bethlehem. The first occurs in the Roman Catholic section on December 25; 13 days later the Greek Orthodox church hold their celebrations, to be followed by those of the Armenian church in another 13 days.

The Real Santa Claus

This Christmas spirit is the real Santa Claus—a spirit that is universal—that grows stronger with the years—that brings out the best in us—a spirit that made up of kindly thought and deeds, of hallowed memories and of "Good Will" to all.

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"A CHRISTMAS MESSAGE"



DEAREST FRIENDS:

If a verse of scripture is fitting as a sort of key signature for this message on the occasion of the feast of Christ's nativity, I would take it from the second chapter of Saint Matthew, where he says: "When Jesus therefore was born in Bethlehem of Juda, in the days of King Herod, behold, there came wise men from the east to Jerusalem, saying, where is he that is born king of the Jews? For we have seen his star in the east, and are come to adore him."

You will note that the attribute of the Kingship of the promised saviour is the one stressed by the wise men. It is therefore on the Kingship of Christ and on His Kingdom that I would speak with you on this occasion.

The feast of the Kingship of Christ has only recently been put in the calendar of the church. In fact it was established by the present Pope, His Holiness Pius XI. But the title of king as applied to the Saviour is nearly as old as the oldest prophecies of His coming.

In honoring the kingship of Christ, the church does not intend any propaganda in favor of the monarchical system of government. Loyal to all legitimate forms of government and a pillar of civil authority, the church is not committed to sustain any particular form of civil power. She made this feast to bring most vividly before men's minds the spiritual values lost sight of in the savagery of a war-torn world. To peoples groping in darkness for some kind of leadership she holds out the kingship of Christ. She tells them that he is the leader to their everlasting good, and that his influence is what they need to remedy the evils of these times. She re-asserts the dignity of the Saviour by stressing a title of dignity old as the world.

What she understands by kingly power is the supreme power in civil society which directs affairs to a common purpose. This supreme power is two-fold. That is to say, it is temporal when it concerns things of the civil and economic order; and it is spiritual when its object is the salvation of the souls of men. The name by which the temporal ruler is called does not necessarily change his power from being kingly whether he be called, king, president, Il Duce, peoples' commissar, prime minister, or whatever his title. In truth those rulers who bear the title of king in these days have usually less ruling power than those who take humbler titles. Now Christ is the spiritual king of the world since he founded a spiritual kingdom in it, and remains, although at the right hand of the Father in heaven, the sovereign and lord of the church.

There are many references in the old scriptures to the kingship of the promised Saviour. In the psalms they sang of him, putting these words in his mouth by prophecy: But I am appointed king by him over Sion, his holy mountain. The Lord hath said to me: Thou art my son, this day have I begotten thee. Ask of me and I will give thee the gentiles for thy inheritance, and the uttermost parts of the earth for thy possession.

The holy man Isaiah sings of Christ's kingship in these words: For a child is born to us, and a son is given to us, and the government is upon his shoulder; his name shall be called Wonderful, Counsellor, God the Mighty, the Father of the world to come, the Prince of Peace. His empire shall be multiplied, he shall sit upon the throne of David and upon his kingdom, to establish it and strengthen it with judgment and justice from henceforth and forever.

In the New Testament Saint Luke tells how Christ's kingship was spoken of by the angel of the annunciation: And the angel said to her: Fear not, Mary, for thou hast found grace with God. Behold thou shalt conceive and shalt bring forth a son; and thou shalt call his name Jesus. He shall be great, and shall be called the Son of the Most High; and the Lord God shall give unto him the throne of David his father; and he shall reign in the house of Jacob forever, and of his kingdom there shall be no end.

So strongly was the kingship of Christ felt by the people of Galilee that they confused his spiritual mission with a temporal one. After the miracle of the loaves and fishes in the wilderness north of lake Tiberias, gratitude and admiration so overflowed in their hearts that they would have taken him by force and crowned him king. But this was not the kingship that Christ wanted and he fled away from them into the mountain by himself alone.

Jesus fulfilled a prophecy of his kingship when he rode into the Holy City on Palm Sunday: Tell ye the daughter of Sion, Behold thy king cometh to thee, meek, and sitting upon an ass, and a colt, the foal of her, that is used to the yoke. Then Saint Luke says that the multitude spread their garments in the street before the Saviour, and cut palms and waved them saying: Hosanna to the son of David; Blessed is he that cometh in the name of the Lord; Hosanna in the highest.

His title of kingship is founded on heredity, on redemption, on free election, and on exercise. It is founded on heredity, for by the union of the person of Christ with that of the Second Person of the Holy Trinity, or as they say, by the hypostatic union, He is above all men and has a right to spiritual kingship from God the Father, which is confirmed by the divine order to his son. Ask of me and I will give thee the nations for thy inheritance. It is based on a title of redemption, for Saint Paul declares that we belong not to ourselves: Know you not that your members are the temple of the Holy Ghost... and you are not your own for you are bought with a great price. (This



price refers of course to the redemption by the death of Christ.) It is founded on free election for all those who are born again of water and of the Holy Ghost in Holy Baptism are asked "wilt thou be baptised?" And they answer, I will. Where this answer is given through sponsors, they answer in the name of the child, and baptismal vows of childhood are renewed frequently in adult years. It is founded on use, lastly, for he enlightens, rules and sanctifies souls through divine grace. It is founded on use, for Christ is a spiritual ruler in his kingdom: the church which is spread throughout the world. In a certain sense also Christ's rule extends to civil society insofar as it is supposed to be ruled by his principles and animated by the spirit of His gospel.

The spiritual kingship of Christ is supreme, it is legislative and judicial. It is supreme, for Christ as Son of God is Lord of Lords and King of Kings. It is legislative because Christ took it upon himself to abrogate some parts of the law of Moses, and to complete and to perfect other parts of the same, and he laid down a new commandment. A new commandment I give unto you: That you love one another as I have loved you. He speaks also of communicating this power: Ad whatsoever thou shalt bind on earth, it shall be bound also in heaven; and whatsoever thou shalt loose on earth, it shall be loosed also in heaven. The judiciary power of Christ's kingship is its last and final excellence, for in Saint John's gospel we find this: For neither doth the Father judge any man, but hath given all judgment to the Son.

The kingship of Christ received startling emphasis at his trial before the Roman Governor of the Holy City. Christ's enemies made three charges against him to Pilate: that he had stirred up a civic disorder, that he had forbidden taxes to be paid the Roman Governor, and that he had proclaimed himself a king. Pilate knew that the first two charges were false, and he suspected that he had no foundation to the third. However to make sure that Jesus could never make any pretension to kingly power, he ordered the soldiers to scourge him. Some have thought that the scourging at the pillar was merely a wanton act of cruelty, or a gesture to excite pity of the mob so that he could save Jesus from the sentence of death. But it was in fact Pilate's rebuttal to the accusation of regal claims. In effect the scourging was the same as to say to the city rabble, "what boots it now even if he did make kingly claims? Anyone who has been scourged so deeply disgraced that he could never profit by such a claim true or false."

Scripture records in detail the discussion between Pilate and Jesus as to the kingly claim. Saint John says: Pilate therefore went into the hall again and called Jesus, and said to him: Art thou the king of the Jews? Jesus answered: My kingdom is not of this world. If my kingdom were of this world, my servants would certainly strive that I should not be delivered to the Jews: but now, my kingdom is not from hence. Pilate therefore said to him: Art thou a king then? Jesus answered: Thou sayest that I am a king. Pilate understood that it was kingship in a spiritual sense that Jesus claimed, for if it was not of this world it must be of the world of the spirit. It is hard to account therefore, for his writing the inscription for the top of the cross, which explained the cause of death sentence, Jesus Nazarenus Rex Judeorum.

It may be of interest to examine in what sense Christ's Kingdom is a kingdom of the spiritual world, and in what sense it is a kingdom of this world, for it is not entirely a kingdom of the world to come. It may be said to be a kingdom of the spiritual world in its essential relations. For illustration, in its end or final cause, it is a kingdom

of the blessed heaven, for Saint John said: And God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes; and death shall be no more, nor mourning, nor crying, nor sorrow shall be any more, for the former things are passed away.

The kingdom is spiritual not only in its end or final cause, but in the means it uses to achieve its purpose, which are prayer, adoration and the grace of God. It is spiritual in its mode of action which rejects force, for Jesus said to Saint Peter: Put up thy sword into its place; for all that take the sword shall perish with the sword. It is spiritual in its leader, the Son of God; it is spiritual in its doctrine, which is not of this world. It may be summed up, then, that the kingdom is not of this world in its end, its purposes, its modes of action, its doctrine and its leader.

But it is plain to anyone that Christ's kingdom is of this world in many relations. Its subjects are human beings, just as are the subjects of an earthly kingdom: Go ye into the whole world and preach the gospel to every creature. Its doctrine, though from heaven, needs the same requirements of teaching as worldly doctrine. There must be schools and institutions of religion, with current expense, taxes, sinking fund, interest, and overhead charges. Its worship can be carried on anywhere, in the solitudes, in the privacy of one's room, in the spiritual open spaces of the human heart. But that is only physical possibility. Worship is possible practically where the kingdom is established with all the aids that human beings require for any of the activities of aesthetic life.

It is of this world also in that it parallels and even overlaps the secular power in education. The church and the civil power have the same subjects. The Pope would gladly lead them and educate them in ways of peace, but Dommegue, Mussolini, Stalin, Hitler and other militarists of our days say they must be led and educated in ways of war. The church says that souls must be trained in the ways of the Spirit of God; whereas those who are strangers to that Holy Spirit fight even to the death against it.

It is of this world also in that it continually sustains the onslaught of the world, the flesh and the devil; that its spirit is contrary to the world's spirit. Like Saint Paul before Felix the Governor and Drusilla, its treats of justice, chastity and the judgment to come, and the world, terrified, like Felix, answers: for this time go thy way, but when I have a convenient time I will send for thee.

The kingdom of Christ treats of justice, and those who have claims for justice are not slow to demand that the King and the kingdom take their part. The gospel mentions a place where Jesus, while preaching, perhaps of justice, was interrupted by one of two brothers, who said: Lord, seek to my brother that he may divide the inheritance with me. And the Lord answered: Man, who made me a divider over thee? Jesus answered that he should be asked to take over the functions of the civil court. If the man had a claim to part of an inheritance, were there not waiting lawyers and courts in Judea to handle his claim.

Still one can understand the man's point of view. He understood Christ as the Prince of peace and justice, the Son of God who commands that justice be done and threatens dire punishments to injustice of all kinds. He thought that Christ should go one step farther and become an arbiter and court of universal justice, settling claims miraculously with satisfaction to all concerned. This is beneath the dignity of God, and perhaps in the present order of the world quite impossible, for justice is a subjective thing as well as objective, and often is confused with what each man troweth.

Like the man mentioned in this incident, the children of the spiritual kingdom and those outside it are tempted to

continually drag it away from its heavenly purpose and bend its energies to things of earth. Just last summer in Calgary, according to a report in the Herald, the doctors in convention were told by a clergyman that the church was less concerned now-a-days with the happiness of the life to come and more concerned with getting all possible out of this present life. That is not true, of course.

The kingdom of Christ is saddled with all manner of business, sometimes to the exclusion of its proper spiritual mission. The workmanman, perhaps a good Christian and supporter of the church, passes under its walls and wonders why it did not do the work of the Price Spreads and Mass Buying Commission, and anticipate the work of the federal parliament and speak to his brother the capitalist, that he divide the inheritance with him.

Marshal Haig told an eminent churchman in England, "Your business is to make my business impossible." That sounds nice and the Field Marshal meant well. It means about this: You man of the spiritual kingdom must stop the greed, lust and sin of the world from breaking out into war.

It seems not to matter that those who make war and profit by it will not listen to spiritual advisers: the later are held responsible just the same. Wife-beater, a bootlegger, a scoundrel of any kind might with the same reason say: Priest, your business is to make my business impossible, but without any constraint or loss to me.

The bolshevik and many types of social workers are death on the spiritual kingdom because it will not become a divider among contending brothers. If it did so, they might be the first to complain. The trade unions, national and international, the federations of labor, the service and uplift clubs, the provincial and federal parliaments are the ordinary ways of securing social justice. The church's duty is to witness, from age to age, and throughout the world, to these eternal principles of justice; to form, with all the zeal it can command, the spiritual side of man; to prepare him for his eternal salvation, to exercise all manner of charity in the world. It goes about this mission from age to age undismayed by opposition, even to bloodshed and death.

The spirit of Christ's kingdom is one of the most powerful influences for social justice where it has a chance to work. But it is by no means necessary to wait until by some cosmic urge pirates and bandits of the economic world can be subjected to its mild influence. If they don't like the New Testament, the spirit of the Old Testament will do, for it also was from God and was a spirit of mercy and justice. The spirit of the natural law engraved on human hearts could be appealed to where the spirit of both testaments fail. Even the spirit of the jungle is better than the spirit revealed by the Price Spreads Commission, for only the tiger takes what it does not want, and kills what it cannot use.

Personally I would like to see churchmen more outspoken in the condemnation of the injustice of the economic world than in the condemnation of well-meaning folks that want a new deal. There are, however, grave objections to too much church participation in work that properly belongs to trade unions and to parliaments, provincial and federal. Where, for instance is church interference going to stop. Many a holy man has been burned at a stake for unsuccessfully leading a political party. We have seen churchmen interfere in the liquor business. We saw them try to change liquor, which has been a beverage among Anglo-Saxon peoples for a thousand generations, and dispensed by liquor dealers, into a drug to be dispensed by physicians and apothecaries.

I was pleased to find the Holy Father, Pius XI., take the lead against post-war economic piracy, industrial poeage, and legalized robbery. He served notice on the contending brothers in the economic dispute, the proletariat and the capitalist, that both had some right on their side. He served notice on governments that they had to recognize private property within limits, but not within such limits that a single one of their subjects should go without the necessities of life.

This wave of social reform, first advocated in modern times by the Pope Leo XIII., and after forty years renewed and re-stated by Pius XI., has over-run many states. It works slower in Canada than elsewhere. But the Pope has set the tide against economic feudalism, and it is our part to see that it carries something of permanent value. That seems to be the part that the spiritual kingdom can play in economic life. Like the schools of science that teach how to do, and then leave you to do it, the school of religion can teach mankind what they ought to do, but must not attempt to usurp the powers of the temporal kingdom.

"And Pilate, therefore, went into the hall again and called Jesus, and said to him: Art thou the king of the Jews? Jesus answered: My kingdom is not of this world." No, not of this world, but a kingdom of the world that is universal and eternal, a kingdom of truth and of life; a kingdom of sanctity and grace; a kingdom of justice and of peace. I would leave with you on this eve of Christ's nativity, this concept of his kingship, and of his kingdom. Amen.

R. J. DONOVAN,

Pastor of St. John's Church, Calgary:
(formerly of Bellevue.)

CHRISTMAS MESSAGES from the CHURCHES

CHRIST—THE HOPE OF THE WORLD

IT GIVES me genuine pleasure to be able once more to avail myself of the opportunity afforded by the Editor of the Blaimore Enterprise of bringing greetings and a brief message at this season of the year. It is my desire that all should enjoy a most happy season, and that nothing shall mar the spirit of cheerfulness and friendliness which is usually so evident as we draw near to the celebration of the Birth of the Christ Child.

In the story of Christmas which has come down to us through the years, the spiritual significance of the Christ's coming is symbolized in the Angels' song to the shepherds, "Gloria to God in the Highest, and on earth peace and goodwill to all men." He came to "bring in the day of Brotherhood and end the night of wrong." That nearly two thousand years have passed without this ideal having been realized is not due to the failure of Christianity, but because Christianity has never been really tried. And because Jesus' way of life has been obscured by the belief and practices of professing Christian disciples, men are turning in other directions for a solution to the world's problems and men's clamouring need for an anchorage to which they may hold.

But at this season I am more than ever convinced that in the life and teaching of Jesus is the only final answer to the world's quest for the abundant life which means the full life, spiritual, cultural, moral, material and physical. In other words, just as Jesus came to a world in its extremity as its hope—bringing a new impetus to the quest for spiritual values in a world which was rapidly breaking up because built upon purely material foundations, so today in Christ is the hope of the world.

For in His way of life is to be discovered the real meaning of that love which must motivate the lives of men in all their relationships. He it is who teaches men that fullness of life may only come to him who is ready and willing to forgive. In Him is to be found a living witness to the truth that abundance of life does not consist in the accumulation of material things as the end and all of existence. He is the hope of the world, because only in His life and teaching is to be found the basis upon which nations may bring about a world brotherhood so secure that swords shall be beaten into plough shares. It all sounds very idealistic to the man on the street who sees how far we diverge from this teaching. But no system will survive unless built upon those ideals. And under any system it takes generations to make men see the fruitfulness of real brotherhood as long as men are guilty of greed, selfishness and lust for power. The ideals to be realized in any world order will always be the guiding star to which practical tasks and programs will point, but for a long time to come a vast territory will separate the ideal from the real. Yet a guiding star or a goal is essential if we are to plan for the best. And despite the failure of many Christians, I declare it to be my unalterable conviction that in no other way can the abundant life be realized for men save as Christ and all He represents becomes the basis of the world's hope.

Sincerely yours,

REV. A. E. LARKE.

United Church Manse,
Blaimore, Alberta.

DEAR FRIENDS:—

Once again "tis Christmas" with all that the magic word suggests of hallowed memories, of sacred friendships clustering around it; with all that it can and must mean to a world whose only hope for present and future is in the application of those principles which were first enshrined in the Christ life at Bethlehem.

The anxious times in which we live find people in ever increasing numbers being drawn together and sharing, for the common good, those principles of love and sympathy and real helpfulness, so dear to the heart of our Lord Jesus Christ, and which were so evident in His life among men.

It is said that in times of crisis and danger heroes are born and character is built. May we all at this time welcome to our hearts and lives Him who taught us to say: "Love one another;" so that, our characters moulded in the crucible of Jesus Christ, we may live dangerously in heroic adventure for Him against all the social and moral evils from which our people and nation need cleansing.

With faces firmly set towards the sunrising of tomorrow's conflicts, with a deeply rooted conviction in the suf-

ficiency of Jesus for the task, let us welcome the Festival of the Christ Child, with our own lives changed, with the current of our own wills blending with the great stream of God's will, may each one say, "Come to my heart, Lord Jesus, there is room in my heart for Thee." So will each human heart be a cradle where Christ is born in us, that He may live and work in us, and we in Him. In that sense, and with that meaning, and projecting itself into every day in the coming year, Christmas will be a real joy and a blessing to mankind.

With every sincere wish for a Happy Christmas, and every day in every way a spirit of Christmas, I am,

Yours very sincerely, In His service,

A. S. PARTINGTON,

Vicar of St. Luke's Church.

ONCE AGAIN Christmas returns in a time of stress and strain, many of us facing peculiar problems, and encountering severe hardships. But, under these conditions, it is essential that we maintain the spirit of the season.

In the next few days all will be called to join in some form of celebration that will bear the marks of the Name of Jesus. In His name we will worship, sing, dance and rejoice. And by entering whole-heartedly into the festivities of the happy occasion, we fit ourselves all the better for meeting what lies ahead of us. In giving to those less fortunate than ourselves we strengthen the bonds of human brotherhood.

But, what inconsistent people we are? We who worship in His name, but lack His spirit. We who work for the interests of the little group only, when the spirit calls to the needs of men everywhere.

Let us listen again, "Peace on the Earth, goodwill toward men." How it crashes through the cold exterior of divisions, jealousy, greed and selfishness, which lie at the root of our troubles today, and bids us renew the ties of religion, and of home and of friendship.

So we say,

"Tis Christmastide; again we call

Our olden friends and loved ones nigh,

And as the promised blessings fall

We bid our cares and fears goodbye!

Within the season's joyous reign

There is no time for petty strife;

Forgotten memories bloom again

And olden friendships spring to life!"

Let me join you in wishing all your readers the old wish for a merry Christmas in the firm belief that the nearer we come to the interpretation of the spirit of Jesus, the better will be our understanding of Christmas.

REV. RICHARD UPTON

The United Church Manse,
Bellevue, Alberta.

LIKE A messenger from another and sweeter region, the Christmas season pays us its annual visit, carrying with it something of its native atmosphere of love, peace and joy.

For a few short hours, men will breathe that atmosphere, be infected by its spirit and, it may be, will covet its continuance; then, all too soon, plunge back into the old hard ways of thinking and living.

Nevertheless, year by year the Christmas spirit voices its challenge to the spirit of selfishness and to the enmity and strife which are its progeny, assured that although "peace on earth, goodwill among men" is as yet an unrealized ideal, many forces are at work, conspiring to make that ideal a reality.

We are thankful this Christmas that the forces which make for war have been restrained—that, although there is little goodwill among the peoples of the earth, actual hostilities have been averted.

Causes for dissatisfaction have been present with us in The Pass, as elsewhere; opinions differ among us, as elsewhere, as to how these causes may be removed; but in the spirit of goodwill, let us, in our discussions, confer rather than debate, reason rather than argue. It will make for neighborliness, as well as better understanding.

With kindest wishes for a joyous Christmas and a prosperous New Year to all.

Yours very sincerely,

REV. JOHN WOOD.

The Manse,
Hillcrest Mines, Alberta.

HOW OLD IS A FISH?

How old is a codfish? Last week a Boston fisherman found a ring in the stomach of a codfish in his catch. The ring has been identified by the Rev. E. T. Drake, of the First Presbyterian church of Orange, Texas, as one he lost while swimming at Corpus Christi, Texas, twenty-eight years ago.

This has started fishermen debating possible ages codfish may attain, says the Christian Science Monitor. Some skeptics find it hard to believe, even in the face of this evidence, that

a codfish lives to be 28. Furthermore, they think it a long swim from the Gulf of Mexico to the New England fishing grounds.

This story was bound to start up an "I remember" chorus. From Altoona, Penn., comes a dispatch that while making a rock garden Adie Black found a watch lost thirty years ago when the ground was part of his father's farm.

An instructor at Columbia University, while going through old college notebooks, found a \$5 bill which she had placed there and forgotten fifteen years ago when she was a student.

Sixty years ago a workman build-

ing a brick wall to inclose the safe in the First National Bank of Sterling, Ill., lost \$50 in currency. When the wall was torn down recently the money was found in good condition.

David J. Carrough, of Ramsey, N. J., reports finding on his farm a turtle on which the initials "J.D.C.—1865" were still faintly discernible. They had been carved there by Mr. Carrough's father sixty-nine years before.

The chronicle would be complete now if someone could only find American prosperity which was mislaid way back in 1929.—Es.

OLD YULETIDE HYMN FAVORITE EVERYWHERE

There is scarcely a church of any denomination that does not some time during the Christmas season echo to the strains of that beautiful and soul-inspiring hymn, "O Come all ye Faithful." It seems to be a favorite at Yuletide in every land and in every clime, whether it is sung as above referred to, or in its original form as the Adepts Fideles.

The hymn was first given to the world in the 13th century by a Franciscan monk. The English translation was made by Canon Frederick Oakley over sixty years ago. Since that time the hymn has been translated into the language of every nation, and the sweet and lofty voices ring out at Christmas time in many, remote places.—Es.

FORMER BLAIRMORE COUPLE PASS AWAY WITHIN WEEK

In our last issue we announced the death of Mrs. Maude Wright, wife of Mr. Frank Wright, formerly of Blaimore, at the General hospital, Calgary.

Within eleven days following Mrs. Wright's demise, her husband passed away at the Holy Cross hospital, Calgary. The remains were laid to rest at Calgary on Tuesday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Wright were old-time residents of The Pass, residing in Lille for a number of years prior to their moving to Blaimore on or about 1912. For several years, Mr. Wright occupied the position of secretary-treasurer of the Town of Blaimore, which position he was obliged to relinquish owing to an apparent discrepancy in the town's funds. Later, Mr. Wright held a position as chief clerk at the Athabasca hotel, Jasper, and for the past few years had been connected with the relief commission's office at Calgary. They had no children.

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ALBERTA

Local and General Items

Yah, things are improving—people are taking their bills out of the envelopes.

Five heavily-armed bandits were "bottled up" at Montreal within twenty-five minutes of a holdup.

The man who knocks his home town is a pest. He should either become a home town booster or be boosted out.

Rt. Hon. William Lyon Mackenzie King, Dominion Liberal leader, celebrated his sixtieth birthday on Monday.

Dr. Walkey has sold out his medical practice at Pincher Creek to Dr. Brayton, of Cardston. Owing to failing health, Dr. Walkey is forced to take a rest.

A woman's stocking is just like a savings bank. Neither is worth a darn after a run on it. But a kid's stocking on the night of the 24th—well, that's different.

L. A. Thurber, inspector of schools, Hanna Inspectorate, received word recently of the death of his father, Capt. Nelson Thurber, at Freeport, Nova Scotia, at the age of 70.

The Elks' annual Christmas turkey draw, with twenty turkeys on the list, will be held at the end of the first show at the Orpheum theatre, tomorrow (Friday) night, December 21st.

G. C. McGeer was swept into the mayoralty of Vancouver with a majority of 26,475 out of a total of 43,517 votes cast. Former mayor Louis D. Taylor had to be satisfied with 9021.

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Archbishop M. M. Harding has been elected new archbishop of Rupert's Land, succeeding the late Bishop Stringer.

W. Stevenson, general manager of the Hillcrest Collieries Limited, was given the unanimous nomination of the Rocky Mountain Branch of the Canadian Institute of Mining & Metallurgy at a convention held at the Greenhill hotel here on Monday evening.

Kindly Passer-by: "Don't you know that your brother is your own flesh and blood?"

Schoolboy Fighter: "Gee, then I've made my own nose bleed!"

Hon. Albino Pasini, professor of hydro-electrics at the royal high school at Milan, Italy, recently paid a visit to the plants of the Consolidated Mining & Smelting Company at Trail and Kimberley. He is also president of the National Fascist Federation of municipal industries and deputy of parliament. With him were Sig. Filippo Carati, engineer, and C. G. Beardslie, private secretary, from New York. At the Cranbrook hotel, Hon. Pasini told an audience that Italy has been quite transformed under the grand operation of Il Duce.

INTELLIGENT VIEWS OF LIFE

Every time you get something for nothing, it is at the expense of someone. When you play cards and win, it is at the expense of your opponent. When people are given a relief dose, it is at the expense of those who are fortunate enough to be employed or who have saved.

Likewise, Social Credit dividends, of which we hear plenty, would necessarily be met out of the earnings of those who worked. The law of compensation will not be ignored in any field of endeavor. You can take nothing from nothing and leave nothing, but you cannot take two from two and leave two. Pardon us for drawing so simple a comparison, yet one would be very simple indeed if he labored under the impression that social legislation to benefit the masses would not have to be paid for by the masses.

The more people are taxed, the less they have to spend on their own pleasures or give to the various organizations to which they have been accustomed to contribute.

It is a fact that no matter how much money some people have, they are not possessed of sufficient business acumen to spend it wisely. This

might be an outstanding example, but just "too bad." There is only one individual in the world who can save you from a warped view of life, and that is yourself. It's easy to allow one's thoughts to be carried into the clouds, but it's safer to keep both feet on the ground.—The Coleman Journal.

Another instance came to our attention where a party, owing a considerable sum for the necessities of life, approached his friend to back his references to purchase an automobile. You can draw your own conclusions—further comment is unnecessary. With these and many other examples of lack of ability to manage their own affairs, can it be wondered that many of the schemes proposed to regiment the lives of the people by plan which theoretically appear good, but like many other theories will not work out in actual practice are viewed with extreme skepticism. Progress comes through the accumulated effort of rugged individualism, and natural laws, which are immutable, are so founded and will continue. However tolerant one may be of differing opinions, a study of bedrock principles forces one to the conclusion that work and study is the lot of man, and that if you look to others to provide you with a living—well, it's

just "too bad." There is only one individual in the world who can save you from a warped view of life, and that is yourself. It's easy to allow one's thoughts to be carried into the clouds, but it's safer to keep both feet on the ground.—The Coleman Journal.

Mr. and Mrs. Alex. Cameron, of Staveland, are visitors to Blairmore this week.

Coalhurst suffered a rather serious fire last night, with damage estimated at around \$35,000.

Returns for the first thousand days of operation of special low fare coach excursions by Canadian railways have just been compiled. For one thousand days the two big rail lines carried an average of one thousand excursionists a day, according to A. A. Gardiner, asst. general passenger traffic manager of the Canadian National Railways. Total receipts from the sale of excursion tickets during the thousand days were \$2,600,000, netting a satisfactory profit to the railways. The plan gave employment to many rail workers, the greater part of the cost of the operation of the special excursion trains being for labor.

Local and General Items

The Royal Bank branch at Claresholm is to close its doors on December 31st.

Two inches of snow this morning was surely welcomed. It's the first for close on two months.

Stump speeches to be delivered by recent visitors to Soviet Russia are already being rehearsed in Blairmore.

Mayor McGeer, of Vancouver, will not have to worry much over the Red influence.

Barred from the wheat show of the International Exposition because of his winning the wheat crown three successful years, Herman Treile has shown his strength in a new division, that of oats, in which he was awarded the reserve championship. Treile is a prosperous farmer in the Wembley district of Alberta, and years ago resided at Coleman.

The Macleod hockey team is withdrawing from the Crow hockey league. After playing in the Foot-hills league for a number of seasons, the Jubilee City club was entered in the Crow league along with Medicine Hat, Lethbridge, Coleman, Blairmore and Bellevue this winter. A schedule embracing these teams was drawn up as appears elsewhere in this issue, but now, with the withdrawal of Macleod, a new schedule will have to be drafted.

Blairmore Bearcats will likely be without the services of Tony Veprava this winter. Tony, one of the mainstays of the 'Cats team for many winters, while carrying on his duties as an electrician in the mining town, fell and seriously injured his back. At present he's lying in hospital and it is not clear just when he will be discharged. It is said that Tony had a very narrow escape from a worse fate and hundreds of hockey followers all through the south will wish him a very speedy recovery.—Lethbridge Herald.

Compliments Of The Season



WE wish you hope, with Christmas holly,
Cheer and love and all things jolly,
Silvery chimes and falling snow,
A Christmas tree and mistletoe.



The Blairmore Enterprise Staff

WORLD HAPPENINGS
BRIEFLY TOLD

The United States war department awarded a contract for 110 attack planes to the Northrop Corporation, Inglewood, Cal., for \$1,896,400.

Arthur Henderson, president of the League of Nations disarmament conference, has been awarded the Nobel peace prize.

The government decree banning circulation in Austria of all German newspapers was extended for another three months after the date of expiration December 12.

The radio station of the General Electric Company stated that a telegram from Little America said the Byrd Antarctic expedition intends to leave for New Zealand and New York the last week in January, 1935.

The postal department of the Palestine government announced that telegrams written in Hebrew will be accepted for transmission and that it is no longer necessary to translate into Latin letters.

Service on the world's longest airline, the 12,846 miles from Brisbane to London, was inaugurated Dec. 10, when the Duke of Gloucester, with a wave of his hand, dispatched the first two northbound planes.

Approximately 4,000 men will be sent as members of the International police force in the Saar to maintain order during the forthcoming plebiscite. Britain will furnish the largest number and will have charge of the command.

The Earl of Willingdon, viceroy of India, initiated a fund to commemorate the 25th anniversary of the King's accession to the throne next year, the proceeds of which will be devoted to the Indian Red Cross Society and kindred organizations.

Salt Mines Of Poland

Men Who Told In, Shafts Were Deeply Religious

Visitors to Poland return greatly impressed with the salt mines. For more than ten centuries miners toiled in the salt shafts near Cracow, Poland, and being deeply religious, they spent their spare time in carving marvelous figures in salt. A complete cathedral, containing giant chandeliers, beautiful statues of the saints, altars and other Biblical figures and objects, is one example of the workers' skill. On feast days of modern times, Mass is held in the underground cathedral. Among the statues is that of the Virgin. In one part of the mine a giant statue and a beautiful hall appear, monuments to the devotion of the miners.

Buffalo Hides For Eskimos

Felts From Walrus Hide Are Going To Arctic Dwellers

Eskimos along the coast of Hudson's Bay will shortly blossom out in buffalo coats similar to those of the Mounted Police wear. Meats from the same Monarchs of the Plains will be fed to workers in Federal relief camps.

The department of the interior will rush 500 "green" buffalo hides from the winter slaughter at the National Park, Wainwright, to Fort Churchill for distribution. This innovation for the Arctic dwellers followed reports of suffering among Canada's wards due to a scarcity of caribou.

The buffalo hides will be cured and dressed by the Eskimos for clothing and bedding.

Justice For Indian

B.C. Government Awards \$350 For Prosecution Wrongly Laid

An Indian from Kyoquo, B.C., unjustly fined in 1931 for possession of a sea-otter pelt has been awarded \$350 compensation by the British Columbia government for the confiscated skin, injury to his reputation and reimbursement of the fine.

The Indian, Dominic Peter, was assessed \$25, fine and costs, and the pelt was confiscated when he was arrested by a game warden three years ago. It developed, however, the prosecution was wrongly laid as the game act does not apply to Indians hunting on their reserve.

Mountain Sinks From Entire

Disappearance of an entire mountain amid the earthquakes which have devastated a vast area of Honduras, was reported in official communications. The report related that Mount Cerro Azul sank from sight with a tremendous detonation. Observers in the town of Tegucigalpa said the mountain crumbled without sign of any volcanic eruption.

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Chinese Quarrel With Gods

Behold One Which Has Failed To Supply Rain

The Chinese people are quarreling with their gods, and one of the chief of them—the Dragon god, whose function it is to provide rain, has been beheaded. At Jenchi in Koman province, the villagers carried from the temple the image of the Dragon god and forced the magistrate against his will to conduct prayers for rain in front of it. The magistrate did so on condition that the god should remain there, for seven days and if even then no rain fell he would allow the beheading of the image. No rain fell in the succeeding week and the magistrate allowed three days more of grace. But to no avail. He then ordered out a firing squad and they shot off the head of the gaudily painted deity. Even this brought no rain, so the farmers decided to stop all prayers to their gods. And they are now being threatened by a famine.

FASHION FANCIES



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You'll like this individual model as soon as you see it with its softly falling bib-like collar, so flattering. The front bodice in princess styling is another interesting new feature. And note the smart wrapped effect of the slender skirt.

Ruby-red crepe silk made this attractive dress with white bengaline bib collar and flared cuffs. Bottle green wool crepe with the bib collar and cuffs in brown and rust novelty crepe is very effective, with a brown wooden button at the centre-front waistline.

Velvet with silver lame trim is stunning for "dresses" wear. Style No. 918 is designed for sizes 14, 16, 18 years, 36, 38 and 40 inches bust. Size 16 requires 3 yards of 39-inch material with 1/2 yard of 39-inch contrasting.

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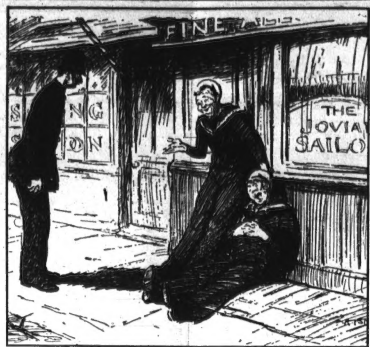
"How to Make Better Dresses" booklet, a helpful guide to sewing, is obtainable for 20c. Whether you are a beginner or quite adept with the needle, we think it would pay you to obtain a copy.

First "Czar" Of Russia

Ivan The Terrible Was Greatly Feared By People

The British Museum has a rare portrait of Ivan the Terrible. He lived in the time of Elizabeth and was the first ruler of Russia to take the title of czar, a corruption of Czar. His deeds were so infamous that for centuries after his death Russians crossed themselves at mention of his name. He proposed by letter to Queen Elizabeth for the hand of an English woman, but at the last moment the woman was afraid to go into exile in Russia. Ivan then married a Russian princess, who exercised some check on his cruelty. But after her death he gave full rein to his unbridled passion. He passed his last days surrounded by magicians, who could not, however, exorcise the ghost of his son, whom Ivan had slain.

Evening classes in London this winter have 250,000 pupils and 7,000 instructors.



CONSTABLE: "Why don't you get him back to his ship?" SAILOR: "Trouble is, officer, I can't remember its name. All I know is it's the same ship as mine."

Colored Films

Latest Developments In Color Photography Shown In London

Britain is likely to go in for colored films on an extensive scale, it was indicated in London following the showing of latest developments in color photography.

The newest process is known as dufaycolor and the first film of three reels showed ladies' dresses of the most delicate hues and revealed subtle shading such as has not hitherto been attained on the British screen.

Dufaycolor was said to be the first step from the experimental stage towards the permanent production of all color talking pictures. A factory is to be erected shortly at Wembley, Middlesex, it was reported, for the manufacture of 2,500,000 feet of color film per week.

The climate of the whole of Lapland is very severe for nine months in the year.

Recipes For This Week

(By Betty Barclay)

ALL-BRAN BROWN BREAD

1 cup bran
1 cup sour milk
1/2 cup raisins
1 tablespoon molasses
1/2 cup sugar
1 cup flour
1 teaspoon soda
1/2 teaspoon salt
Mix together the bran, sour milk, and raisins, then add the molasses, sugar, and flour which has been sifted with the soda and salt. Put the mixture into a greased can; cover tightly, and steam for three hours.

BAVARIAN CREAM

(Serves 6-8)

1 tablespoon granulated gelatine
1/2 cup cold water
1 cup orange juice and pulp
1 tablespoon lemon juice
1/2 cup sugar
Sprinkle salt

Soak gelatine in cold water for 5 minutes and dissolve by standing cup containing mixture in hot water. Add to orange juice and pulp. Add lemon juice, sugar and salt. When it begins to jelly fold in whipped cream; turn into cold mold to become firm.

Winter parties for charity are popular in London this winter.

The SNAPSHOT GUILD
More About Photo-Greetings

(Left)—"The family is on the march to greet you." That, or something of the sort, serves to complete a greeting like this, made in the easy silhouette manner. (Right)—A little "fifteen cent store" reminder may be made of a young lady hanging up a bit of mistletoe, or of a little boy reaching for a Christmas tree ornament. Silhouettes, as you recall, are made with the help of a sheet, a doorway and a strong light.

Table-top photography (discussed recently) has endless Christmas possibilities. A little figure of Santa Claus, some white cotton sprinkled with sugar for snow—and you've got the foundation for a variety of good pictures.

A week or so ago we talked about snapshot Christmas cards, but no one short discussion could possibly cover the subject adequately. A book could be written about it—but not by us. Instead we'll devote to table-top photography.

As we said before, the most important factor in the success of a photo-greeting is an idea—an easily understood, cheerful idea, worked out in terms of a simple picture.

The subjects referred to in our first talk of Christmas cards were deliberately selected from among the more obvious ones—faded, holly wreaths, winter scenes of the home, and soon. Obvious though they are, any of them is capable of fresh, new interpretation—as individual as your own personality.

And, as you become more familiar with your camera and its capabilities, you'll discover many different approaches to any one idea.

You'll find plenty of Christmas materials—little reindeer, gnomes, lemons, bells and a hundred other seasonable "props" in any "five, ten and fifteen cent" store. But guard against over-elaborate set-ups. The simpler the better.

Whatever you do, be careful to keep it in key with your own personality. If you are musical, a glimpse of your hands on the piano keyboard plus the score for a Christmas carol on the rack, would be much more appropriate than, say, a shot of your snow-covered home. Or a pose with your head lifted, singing, if you find you look well that way.

A baby in the family, of course, offers plenty of opportunity for greeting materials. If this is the baby's first Christmas, so much the better. A semi-closed-up of mother and dad, indoors or out, with the baby perched on dad's shoulder and all three waving cheerfully at the camera, should make a greeting of more than ordinary charm.

Christmas isn't far away now. You'll be wanting to send out your greetings soon. So don't delay! By the way, don't let good opportunities slip by for taking unusual snow scenes. Maybe you won't use them this year, but there will be other Christmas when they'll come in handy.

For snow scenes in bright sunlight, remember to use a very small lens aperture. Otherwise, the intense brightness of the scene will give you an over-exposed negative.

JOHN VAN GULDER

SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON

DECEMBER 23

THE CHRISTIAN HOME (Christmas Lesson)

Golden text: Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace among men in whom he is well pleased. Luke 2:14.

Lesson: Luke 2:19.

Devotional Reading: Deuteronomy 4:1-14.

Explanations And Comments

The Good Tidings, Luke 2:1-14. Luke's beautiful story of the Nativity says that to shepherds kept by night over their flocks in the field an angel appeared, and the glory of the Lord shone round about them, and they were sore afraid. "We should not be far astray in taking words, 'And the glory of the Lord shone round about them,' as the key passage of Luke's Gospel. The way he has set forth Jesus, radiant and beautiful, the wonderful Lord in lowly surroundings and in the common ways of our life, in page after page of his book, has helped to this conclusion. We follow him gladly as he unfolds the story, sensing that he is the Lord, from the tale of the world gathered round the cradle of Bethlehem. The historic past to his idea has reached its consummation when 'the hopes and fears of all the years' particularly of his own people, are realized in this coming of a Saviour, Christ the Lord. From the tale of this wondrous event to the end of the last immortal line this evangelist wrote down for us, we find ourselves humming the old triumphant refrain, 'And the glory, the glory of the Lord shall be revealed.' (Arthur W. Brown).

"Be not afraid; for behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy which shall be to all the people." Is the angel's message. And what was the good tidings which sings its way into our heart at every Christmas season? "There is born to you this day in the city of David a Saviour, who is Christ the Lord."

A Glimpse of a Lovely Home and Sacred Family Life, Luke 2:15-18. The vision faded the shepherds resolved to go to Bethlehem and see the Babe. They went in haste and found Mary and Joseph, and the Babe lying in the manger. Before the manger that holds the Babe, artists, poets and musicians have had their imaginations fired, their thoughts ennobled, their genius inspired. Here we too, may pause in reverent awe and glad rejoicing.

The shepherds told what they had heard to the wonderment of all. Mary heard and pondered their words in her heart.

Problems of the Christian Home, "Spiritus 6:1-4." "Children," wrote Paul, "obey your parents in the Lord, in the spirit of Christ; for this is right." And then he repeated the commandment, "Honor thy father and mother, commanding that it be the first of all commandments, which comes with it a suggestion of reward in that it adds, 'that it may be well with thee, and that thou mayest live long on the earth.'"

Parents must be worthy of the obedience required of children, hence Paul turned in thought to the fathers and wrote: "And ye fathers, provoke not your children to wrath." As for you fathers, do not exasperate your children." (Moffatt's translation). By your harshness or conduct do not tempt them to rebel.

Little Journeys In Science

SOILS (By Gordon H. Guest, M.A.)

All soil comes originally from decomposed rock, and a geologist can, by examining a soil, tell from which rock it is derived. Clay, sand, and loam are the three chief kinds of soil. It is naturally light in color, but decayed animal or vegetable matter makes it dark, while the presence of compounds of iron will give it a red or yellow tinge.

Feldspar is the commonest of all rocks, and we are told that it is fortunate for man that this is so, for it contains certain chemicals upon which life depends. In common feldspar are found the oxides of alumina, silica and potash, all of which are important to animal and vegetable life.

The sand in soil comes from decomposed quartz, which is derived from granite. Contrary to popular belief, granite is not immune to the processes of nature; and in time it breaks up into quartz and feldspar, which in turn become sand and clay. Loam is a mixture of sand and clay.

Rocks are made into soil by the action of the oxygen in the air, and by the chemicals carried by water, which transform the solid materials in the rocks into a form in which they can be used by the plants.

The process of soil formation can be seen in the case of a hill which has been excavated. On the lowest level, the soil is composed of sand and gravel, and where air and water have penetrated the rock is slightly decomposed. Higher up, the soil is loam, in which there are small pieces of rock and particles of sand and clay. On the surface of the top soil in which we find the decomposed animal and vegetable matter.

There are three Chicksens, 20 Chickens, five Hens, 40 Angels, 10 Ducks, nine Pickles, and three Cheers in London's telephone directory.

A potato recently dug at Notts, England, had 162 tubers.

Making Round-World Review

Baden-Powell Will Cross Canada. Early Next Summer

Best known to the present generation as founder and chief of the Boy Scouts and founder of the Girl Guides, Lord Baden-Powell of Gilwell, will arrive at Victoria, B.C., on April 8 next to cross Canada in the course of his round-the-world review of these organizations and inspection of their many activities.

Lady Baden-Powell, who heads the girl's branch as Chief Guide, and two daughters are accompanying the Chief Scout. They are at present on their way east from England, making calls on Scout and Guide units in some of the 71 countries where these organizations are promoting their ideals of good citizenship among youth. International Scout and Guide associations know no race or color. Started in 1908, they spread across every sea and touched nearly every land. Their membership is in hundreds of thousands.

Lord Baden-Powell is a distinguished British soldier of the Boer war, 1899-1902. In those days he was known as "B.P." and hailed the "hero of Mafeking." As a lieutenant-colonel, he commanded the defending force of 1,000 irregular troops when the little town of corrugated walls in the center of Bechuanaland was besieged and cut off from food and water supplies for seven months by a much larger and better equipped force. It is recorded B.P.'s fertility of invention in checkmating the attacking forces never failed.

British spirits with which he conducted the defence were infectious. He was always able to rally his decimated garrison to the counter-attack and bring inspiration to the stricken townspeople. Eventually a relieving force, including guns of "C" Battery, Royal Canadian Artillery, bore through the enemy lines and raised the siege.

Baden-Powell received quick promotion and retired from the British army in 1910 as Lieut.-General Sir Robert Baden-Powell. He has seen service in India and Afghanistan as well as South Africa. He is a sculptor of note and author of several books, largely on scouting and boy training. He was married in 1912, when 55 years of age, to Miss Olive Soames, who as Lady Baden-Powell has been a leading force in the development of the Girl Guides.

Had Unusual Vocation

Ambergis King Patrolled Desolate Beach For Thirty Years

Adam Adamson, known as the Ambergis King and believed to have been one of the most unusual vocations in the world, has died on Stewart Island, the loneliest spot in New Zealand. He was born in the Shetland Islands, became a sailor, but finally settled on the spot of land in Mason's Bay to hunt for the treasure which comes from whales of the Polar Sea and eventually is washed ashore. On the desolate beach which Adamson patrolled for more than 30 years the Antarctic currents would sometimes sweep hunks of sea-otter treasure ashore. He waited for them and at times made rich finds. He never became rich but he found enough to make a living and he asked no more.

Eyestrain Is Destructive

Overwork "Burns Out" Optical Nerves And Saps Energy

The destructive result of eyestrain is explained on the grounds that air of the twelve sets of nerves in the head lead to the eyes. Overwork of these delicate nerves not only saps the energy available for other nerves, but "burns out" the optical nerves and renders ineffective the eyes, one of the principal channels of knowledge. Sportsmen, hikers and motorists who face the dazzling sunlight without the protection of colored glasses often experience eyestrain and place themselves "on the spot" without realizing they are doing so.

Had Potatoes Anyway

"Do you think you did any good for your circulation by running a contest for the largest potato in the country?" a friend asked a country editor. "I don't know about the circulation," replied the editor, "but I have two barrels of samples in my cellar."

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THE TENDERFOOT

By GEORGE R. RODNEY

Author of "The Coronado Trail," "The Canyon Trail," etc.

SYNOPSIS

"You've fallen heir to a half-acre in plenty of trouble," the lawyer told Gerald Keene. "The Broken Spur has been systematically looting the ranch, and old Joe Carr, your partner, is drinkin' himself into ruin."

But Keene doesn't rat and luckless prospector till now is returned to tell Dustin and Spike Goddard, owners of the Broken Spur ranch, who had grubstaked him, of his discovery of a rich gold mine, and shows samples of the ore. He seen Broken Spur men rustling Hour-glass cattle and protests against it.

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them at Stone's feet and stood breathing heavily.

"That's the stuff. Now cut off the loose branches but leave all the horns on."

When the trimming was done to his entire satisfaction, Stone straightened up his gun, that seemed to hang listlessly in his hand, stiffened and the muzzle seemed to cover both men.

"Now each of you take one of those branches. . . ."

"They gaped at him uncomprehendingly, but at a suggestive raising of the pistol hand they fairly snatched at the meagre scrub. Stone seated himself on a boulder and his eyes narrowed into points of gray light that seemed to emit sparks.

"We all have one hell of a time lately on the Hour-glass of late," he said reflectively. "It seems like it's only fair to make a man clean up his own mess. I just caught you two men red-handed markin' cattle that don't belong to the Broken Spur. . . . You say your name's 'Corse'?"

The man nodded sly acquiescence.

"And you're Gray?" Fine.

Take those sticks and start in on each other. Better dog each other for stealin' than go to jail. If you haven't started doggin' each other by the time I count three, I'm shootin' you to some plain 'n' fancy shootin'! . . . Get me?"

It was so far from clear that they giggled at each other. Then Corse, thinking he saw a chance, snatched wildly at his gun. His hand held the rancher's holster when a quick, red flash jetted from Stone's hand and Corse emitted a shrill shout.

"You . . . you damned murderer," he shouted. "You've shot me. . . . His hand fumbled at the side of his head and came away filled with blood.

"Ear-mark," quoth Stone imperiously. "I underbid one ear. That's the Broken Spur mark, you say. Next shot'll mark the other ear. You'd better get to work with those sticks. . . . We counted two. . . ."

In a fine frenzy Corse matched the wither and cut viciously at Gray's face. The stick brought blood from his eye to his mouth and the next moment Gray, with a frenzied curse, was on his hands with upraised stick. In and out, writhing about each other, cursing, almost foaming at the mouth, each man made more furiously angry by his friend's blows.

Corse's face was a mask of blood and sweat; Gray was rocking on his feet and both men were totally exhausted. They circled and passed breathlessly and only a blow or two occasionally got home as Stone watched them carefully.

"Time," he said shortly. "That's enough! You'll remember each other now. Remember, 'Honesty's the best policy.' You, Corse. . . . Stand still!"

He snatched the guns from both men. They had not dared try to draw them and now it was too late. He threw them far into the bush.

"You can go now. . . . Tell Dustin just what happened. Tell him, too, that he's got the same old waitin' for him the first chance I get. He's had it comin' for a long time now. He'll get his yet. Get on with you. . . ."

They slunk off to their horses, caught them up and mounted and joined the wagon at a gallop. Stone saw them talking volubly to the driver; then the wagon whirled about and jogged off down the valley.

"It's a cinch that somebody'll talk," he muttered. "That driver saw it all. . . . Now what the devil is that?"

He bent over the trampled spot where Gray and Corse had flogged each other and swiftly retrieved a little red notebook that had been trampled underfoot by the milling men. It was just a cheap little notebook, backed with imitation leather and he flipped its pages open idly enough.

"Looks like the plot thickens," he muttered. "I wonder what this is. . . ."

He had expected to find the book filled with usual addresses of girls in the neighboring towns or with accounts of debts. To his surprise the first page bore the legend in purple pencil:

D. Kane his bok

That same page bore a list of camp supplies with weights and measures to facilitate quick packing on uneasy burros. The second page was a price list of beans and bacon. Coffee and sugar and powder, the entry read, every item that a prospector could use was listed there. Then came an item that made Stone stare at it with puzzled eyes. It read:

"Men. One half to Dustin if he pleases fare but don't show him where it is till he comes across."

Then followed a list of notes, mainly illegible, but that he finally deciphered.

A BARBER WHO HAD RHEUMATISM

Tells How He Carried On

A barber who had been "a martyr to rheumatism" writes—

"I have been a martyr to rheumatism for some ten years. For five years I was so affected that it was with the greatest numerous remedies. I was finally advised to try Kruschen. I am pleased to say that after having used Kruschen for some twelve months, I am now free from aches and pains that I have been for some ten years. In fact, I consider I am rid of rheumatism, thanks to Kruschen Salts."—W.M.

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illegible, but that he finally deciphered:

"Red Water canon seven one to white birch. . . . Up Stinking Water three two to sunk can. . . ."

"It's enough to puzzle a mind reader," quoth Stone. "I reckon I'd better see old man Crews about this. . . . Or Dustin."

CHAPTER VII.

Duro Stone knew well the character of the enemy he had made. He felt reasonably sure that neither Gray nor Corse would tell truthfully what took place that day on the range, but he also remembered that the negro driver of the wagon saw it all. Let he should forget the kind of man Dustin was, Frank Corse reminded him cryptically. He knew nothing of that last encounter, but he remembered the incident at Soda Springs.

"He'll shoot you in the back if he gets a chance," he said. "A man don't overlook the man who shows his teeth before you. You look out."

Crews, sitting in the sun on the porch of the ranch-house, watched Stone leaning a larlet from which the man's hand pulled loose. He saw the man's fingers feel the soft "whang" about the metal bond; he saw Stone's brow wrinkle a moment in perplexity; then the ready knife came. The man's piece of whang was cut away and before Crews was even aware of the low-voiced oath that sprang to his lips, Stone had spliced the larlet and the rope was as good as new. Crews stepped over to him and laid a hand on his shoulder.

"You listen to me, Stone," he said. "I don't care a tinker's dam if you're the man who shot Lincoln. As long as you play the game with us I'm goin' to see that you get a square deal. I don't know who you are but I know damned well who you ain't. You ain't any amateur cow-puncher like you want us to believe. What's the game? Let me tell you something. . . . If you aim to keep your past hid, don't you ever splice no more whang with the Apache twist. Anybody who's ever seen that 'twist' has punched cattle in the White Mountain country."

Stone laughed and looked silly; then he laughed amiably.

"I've got nothin' to hide that I'm ashamed of," he said. "I never shot a man nor robbed a bank. But for reasons that I'm not ready to give just yet, I'm tradin' on a new future. As long as I do my work am I a fixture on the Hour-glass?"

Crews smote him a blow on the shoulder that hurt.

"As long as I'm boss you're fixed," he said. "What you did for Edith at Soda Springs has fixed you for keeps with me, Stone. But . . . well, when you get ready to talk, talk to me."

"All right. I'll start right now. . . . Stone took him at his word. "You know that man Dustin?"

"Like a prairie dog knows a rattlesnake. Why?"

"Remember the last time I rode the line of the West fence?"

"Uh-huh. Go on. . . ."

"I found two of the Broken Spur men, Gray and Corse, with a wagon up the hill. They were writin' on a skin book with a hot pen. . . . I caught 'em ear-markin' a calf that belonged to the Hour-glass."

(To Be Continued)

Four royal peers, two archbishops, 16 Scottish representatives, and 10 Irish peers are included in England's House of Lords.

More than 250,000 people in Britain took cruising holidays this year.

Little Hints For This Week

"These things have I spoken unto you that in me ye might have peace. In the world ye shall have tribulation, but be of good cheer, I have overcome the world." John 16:33.

O Thou the primal fount of life and peace, Who sheddeth Thy breathing quiet all around, It is rare when injustice or slights patiently borne do not leave the heart at the close of the day filled with marvellous joy and peace.

Accustom yourself to unreasonableness and injustice. Abide in peace in the presence of God who sees all the evils more clearly than you do, and who permits them. Be content with doing with calmness the little which depends upon yourself, and let all else be to you as if it were not.

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Physicians Achieve Success

Believe Serum Developed To Prevent Tuberculosis

A cautious statement by Governor Ed. C. Johnston indicated that Denver physicians have achieved success in medical science's long struggle to develop a serum to prevent tuberculosis.

The governor said he expects the physicians to ask soon for pardons for Mike Schmidt and Carl Erickson, Colorado convicts who "risked" their lives on the promise of freedom if they permitted themselves to be inoculated with thousands of live tuberculosis bacilli after they were given the serum.

The governor said he has been informed the bacilli failed to produce the disease in the convicts, indicating they were immunized by the serum.

The convicts were the first human beings upon whom the serum was tested and physicians said the experiments might result in death.

General Managers Address

W. A. Bog, Joint General Manager, in addressing the meeting, laid emphasis on his statement that lending money for commercial purposes is the backbone of the bank's earning power and the bank is ready, and always has been, to make such applications for loans that fall within the category of prudent banking risks.

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Plan Water Survey

Britain is to provide against further water famines in a permanent fashion. The last two summers, extensively dry, created alarm. Sir Edward Hilton Young, minister of health, and Sir Godfrey Collins, secretary for Scotland, have decided on a comprehensive inland survey.

Anger is never without an argument, but seldom with a good one.

Africa's population is estimated at 140,000,000.

Remember that the quotation is Let joy be unconfined, not "unrefined."

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WILL THE BANK ACT PERMIT

Money is a medium of exchange. Its function is to transfer goods and services; to circulate commodities. The Aberhart Social Credit plan does not contemplate the use of present currency in transferring goods and services. It proposes to use "non-negotiable credit cheques." In the words of the Social Credit Chronicle this will "circulate some relationship by which goods can be distributed." In short it usurps the function of money in the provincial distribution of goods. It becomes a provincial money substitute.

Aberhart claims this is legal; that it does not run foul of the Bank Act. He has claims justified? Does he know whereof he speaks? We have our doubts.

The Bank Act, assented to on the 28th June, 1904, states in Section 138:

(1) "Every person, except a bank to which this Act applies, who issues or reissues, makes, draws or endorses any bill, bond, note, cheque or other instrument, intending to circulate as money or to be used as a substitute for money, for any amount whatsoever, shall incur a penalty of four hundred dollars.

(2) "If any such instrument is tendered for the payment of a less sum than twenty dollars, and is payable either in form or in fact to the bearer thereof, or at sight, or on demand, or at less than thirty days thereafter, or is overdue, or is in any way calculated or designed for circulation, or as a substitute for money, the intention to pass the same as money shall be presumed unless such instrument is:

(a) a cheque on some chartered bank paid by the maker directly to his immediate creditor; or
(b) a promissory note, bill of exchange, bond or other undertaking for the payment of money made or delivered by the maker thereof to his immediate creditor; and
(c) not designed to circulate as money or as a substitute for money."

The text of the above quoted section of the Bank Act is both explicit and conclusive, alike in what it directs and what it forbids. Despite Mr. Aberhart's views to the contrary, well-informed opinion holds that the wholesale issuance of non-negotiable certificates for the express purpose of circulating quantities of goods and payment of services, differs in intent and purpose from the private promissory note of the individual. The first is a substitute for a money, the second is a promise to redeem in money.

This question is of first importance in the Social Credit plan. Without the issuing of basic dividends there can be no such plan. The public are entitled to know if they "are buying a pig in a poke." It is Mr. Aberhart's bounden duty to his supporters to clarify the issue once and for all. To this end may we suggest he lose no time in submitting his currency substitute idea to the Treasury Board administering the Bank Act of the Dominion of Canada, or to the Honorable Minister of Justice, Ottawa.

—Hanna Herald.

LIKELY REACHED THE

WRONG MAYOR

Mayor Clarke, of Edmonton, has received a letter through the mail, warning him that unless he resigned at once he would die on December 20th. Mayor Clarke expressed little worry over the missive. A local Italian remarked that there must have been a mistake—it was some notorious south Alberta mayor the letter was intended for.

One-Half Dozen Happy Kiddies

By ELEANOR KING

Young Woman gathers in homeless Tots or Christmas Festivities

In the dining room of this quiet little home, was a beautiful, spacious and furnished in the best of taste. Its massive Jacobean high-backed chairs, long table, dappled all ornamented. But that quality which sets one all eyes was lacking. It looked austere and unfriendly. The servants had decorated the table and room properly, trying to give a little of the Christmas atmosphere. The forlorn, little, sickly, ashy-faced, thin, and pale as a party, but only four places were set.

The dinner was served. A middle-aged, well-dressed man and woman appeared.

"And you say Thelma went out in the car?"

"She didn't say where she was going, Robert," replied his wife.

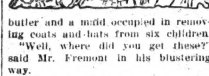
"She probably took her to Hubert, was taking too long in getting over here, so she took it upon herself to go after him."

"Undoubtedly," assented Mrs. Fremont.

Thelma came soon bursting in upon her folks, coat and hat still on. To be sure, she had Hubert with her.

"Dad, mother," she exclaimed, "come and see what I have out here!"

She led her folks into the front hall. To their astonishment, they found the



butler and a maid occupied in removing coats and hats from six children.

"Well, where did you get these?" said Mr. Fremont in his blustering way.

"It's like this, Dad," began Thelma with a rather apologetic air: "When I came downstairs this afternoon and saw that dining room table heaped up with good things—well, I just went for Hubert; together we found the name of the nursery, or home or whatever you call it, near here and we went over there. I had the mother give me half a dozen children, and here they are." She pointed to the group in front of her, who were busy taking in their surroundings. "Children, this is my father and this my mother. Now, Dad, here is Tony, Hubert, Frederick, Charles, Anna and Marie; as she gathered the children to her. 'Now, children, we are going to have dinner. Let's see, Hubert, you take Frederick and Charles, Dad take Tony; Mother, you take Anna, and I will have Rose and Marie.'"

The children, ranging from six to eight, were rather shy until they met eyes on all the goodies on the table; then they were all excitement. Thelma winked at Hubert, and then looked at her dad. He was busy keeping meat enough cut up for Tony supplying his numerous other demands, and keeping up with his many questions. The children were fairly stifled when they clanked down from the table.

"We are going to play some games now," said Thelma. "Hubert, you get on that side of the circle; come on, Dad and Mother." But no amount of coaxing could bring Dad and Mother. Dad thought he had done his share.

"What do you think?" said Thelma to the children a little while later:



"Hubert tells me he was just in the library, and Santa left a Christmas tree and some gifts for you in there." They all made a dash for the door.

"Where do you suppose she got these things?" queried Mr. Fremont of his wife.

"I can't imagine," she replied; "this must have been the planning of more than today."

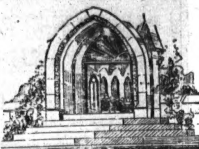
It came time for Thelma to give the dread announcement that they were to leave for the home. Before doing so she surveyed the scene before her: There was Dad, on his hands and knees, crawling about the floor with Tony, playing train. Tony had succeeded in winning over Mr. Fremont. There sat her mother reading a story to three of the youngsters, and Hubert—she could hardly believe her eyes—sat cuddling a little sleeping form in his arms. She went over and sat down on the arm of his chair.

"You dear old thing," she said, putting her arm around him; then, "Hubert, look at Dad. Won't you say this day was a success?"

UNDER THE MISTLETOE

"Oh, professor, see the big bunch of mistletoe I have hung on the chandelier," exclaimed the young lady, standing under it and smiling roguishly.

Young and Learned Professor (looking near-sightedly through his glasses)—"Ah, yes, it is an excellent specimen of the Viscum Album, of the order Loranthaceae. It is a jointed dichotomous shrub. And that was all."



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Sunday, December 23rd, will be the occasion for the celebration of the Christmas service of worship. Carols and a message will express the deep spiritual values which are stressed in the Christmas festival. A choir of 10 voices—part of the Choral Society—will sing part of the cantata: "The Coming of Christ."

The solo selections are to be taken by well-known singers in The Pass. All are cordially invited.

In keeping with the usual custom, there will be a brief service of prayer on Christmas Day at 11 a.m. The people are requested to give the day its rightful setting as a Holy Day, as well as a holiday, by their presence at this service.

ST. LUKE'S CHURCH NOTES

Rev. A. S. Farrington, B.A., Rector

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Sunday School at 10 a.m.

Morning service at 11 o'clock.

Christmas Day, Holy Communion at 11 a.m.

The Bible class will meet every Thursday in the church at 7.30 p.m. Everyone welcome.

UNITED CHURCH BELLEVUE

Sunday services for December 23rd:

11 a.m.—Morning service. Junior choir will sing.

2.30 p.m.—Sunday school.

7.30 p.m.—Evening service. Senior choir, with special Christmas music.

Monday evening, December 24th, Candle Light Carol service. Two choirs, numbering 75 voices, under the leadership of Mrs. Upton. Time of service 9 o'clock. L.O.O.F. hall, Bellevue, silver collection.

Christmas Day, service in the church at 11 a.m.

Here is a little story full of Christmas spirit. The curtain which hides the mysteries of "home brew" was lifted slightly in a letter received by the Excise division at Ottawa, asking for a permit. A portion of it reads:

I don't understand all the meaning of the words in your letter, you see I am not very well educated, but if it how we make the beer you want to know I will tell you all. I'd like to have permission to make it because my husband is not a drunkard but he would like me to make him a batch of beer for Xmas as he is not a man to run around no where or no place, he never goes out. He is one of them quiet nature man so I'd like him to enjoy his few days he be home at Xmas. It not to sell, or for any but our own use, after Xmas he will go back to the camp and I won't make no more only next summer I guess when he is home again. Well the way I know how to make it is to take one package of hops, 2 lbs baker molasses, 2 lbs sugar, boil all that in a small potato pot for three quarter of an hour and put it in a four gallon crock with one yeast cake, let it stand for a day and then strain and bottle it. Its really nothing to get drunk on he cause there no strength in it. I only it makes a good drink for the one that likes it, so please be kind enough as to grant me to have a permit.

HILLCREST HAPPENINGS

Mrs. S. Marshall returned from her visit to Calgary on Wednesday.

Miss Mary Davies, who is studying music in Calgary, is now home for the Christmas vacation.

A whist drive, sponsored by the G. W.L., was held in the Catholic hall on Monday evening. The prizes for whist were all turkeys, and were won by Mrs. J. Semanek, Mrs. R. Delini, Mr. D. Grant and Mr. J. Semanek. After cards, supper was served by the ladies.

Mrs. Walter Rose was a visitor to Calgary last week.

Mr. and Mrs. G. E. Cruickshank and Jean motored to Calgary a week last Tuesday and returned Thursday.

In basketball, Hillcrest teams did fairly well last week. The Zumas and Ramblers defeated the Intermediate girls and intermediate boys, respectively, on Wednesday. On Saturday, the Hillcrest junior boys defeated the Bellevue Canucks, and the local lady teachers' team was defeated by the intermediate girls.

Fred Link: "Had a terrible time with my fiver last week."

Harold Vroom: "O yeah."

Fred: "Yep. I bought a carburetor that saved 50% of gas, a timer that saved 30% and a spark plug that saved 10%, and after I got ten miles out of Burnis, my gas tank overflowed."

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BELLEVUE UNITED CHURCH TO STAGE XMAS CONCERT

Preparations are well advanced for the presenting of a special candle light Carol service, to take place in Bellevue on Christmas Eve, at 9.30.

The Sunday school junior choir will combine forces with the senior choir of the church, numbering about 75 voices, under the direction of Mrs. R. Upson.

The choirs will present their work under the glow of candle light from scores of candles scattered throughout the building.

The arrangement of the service will follow the message of the Advent of the Saviour in a carefully selected sequence of events, featuring the glad tidings, the shepherds, angels, Bethlehem scene, the children at the manger, etc., all given through a splendid collection of carol anthems, from the following countries and translated into English: German, Spanish, French, Greek, Italian, Dutch and English.

Other interesting features will be echo singing between the two choirs, and the processional and recessional hymns by the singers.

Owing to the limited space of the United church, it has been decided to hold the service in the I.O.O.F. hall.

A silver collection will be taken up.

Get the spirit of Christmas by attending this magnificent service.



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WILLIAM MURRAY PASSES SUDDENLY AT MONCTON

On December the 8th, J. J. Murray, C.P.R. agent at Frank, received the sad news of the sudden death of his eldest brother, William Murray, at Moncton, New Brunswick.

Mr. Murray, in company with his wife, visited at his brother's home at Frank about ten years ago.

The following extracts are taken from a report of his death, as contained in the December 10th issue of the Moncton Daily Times:

"The community was saddened over the week end when it became known that one of its most highly respected citizens, in the person of William Murray, had passed away very suddenly at the family home, 185 Union Street.

"Mr. Murray was one of the old established retail merchants of Moncton, having been in business here for the past 35 years. Although he never held public office, he always took a keen interest in matters pertaining to the welfare of the community. He was a loyal member of Wesley Memorial United church, and for many years an elder, always taking an active interest in the affairs of the congregation.

"Among those present at the funeral, held on December 10th, were representatives of the business and religious life of the city, and the high esteem in which he was held was evidenced in the many beautiful floral tributes and many telegrams and cards of sympathy received.

"The officiating clergyman, Rev. W. R. Seely, in the course of his touching eulogy, mentioned the sterling character of the late Mr. Murray, paying tribute to his worth as a business man and Christian gentleman.

"The late Mr. Murray is survived by his wife, two daughters, Misses Janie and Marion, at home, and one son, ex-alderman Lloyd Murray high sheriff of Westmorland county. One sister, Miss Elizabeth Murray, R.N., of 3 Henry street, and two brothers, John P. Murray, 37 Weldon street and J. Johnston Murray, of Frank, Alberta, also survive."

NORWAY EXTENDS A WELCOME

Plans are well under way for the Twelfth World's Sunday School Convention which is to meet in Oslo, Norway, early in July of 1936. A recent message was received from Rt. Rev. John Lunde, Bishop of Norway, in which Bishop Lunde says: "We shall do our best to see that the delegates are well taken care of in our beautiful and beloved country. We are very happy to be able to relate that our country's King, His Majesty Haakon VII, has promised to act as the Convention's guardian." The Norway is deeply conscious of the honor and responsibility bestowed upon the Sunday school workers of that land in the coming of this World's Convention in 1936, and church and state are happily combining to accord the thousands of delegates a cordial welcome and a hospitable consideration of their welfare during convention days.—The New Outlook.

DANGEROUS TRAVELLING

Winnipeg, Man.—For the second time in three days, a Canadian National freight train has run second to Father Stork.

On December 10th, the well-known stork overtook a train enroute to Winnipeg and deposited an eight-pound baby girl in the lap of Mrs. C. Mandula, wife of one of the section men at the Manitoba-Ontario boundary.

On December 12th, an eastbound freight was flagged at Keego, Ontario, and Mrs. Frank N. Viehbeck, wife of a section man at that point was taken aboard enroute to the hospital at Fort William. At Keshabowie the stork once more came winging along and this time left a bouncing baby boy. Both mothers and children are doing splendidly.

VETERAN ALBERTA ODDFELLOW PASSES IN ESSEX, ONTARIO

Early resident of Calgary, veteran member of the Oddfellows' organization, and formerly of London and St. Thomas, Ont., Lewis Henry Tarrant, 97 years of age, died suddenly Friday at the home of his daughter, Mrs. Lottie Tweedale, Essex, Ont., according to word received by members of his family residing in this district.

The late Mr. Tarrant was born in London, England, and came to London, Ont., in 1866. Two years later he moved to St. Thomas, and in 1902 he came to Calgary. For the last 11 years he had lived in retirement at the home of his daughter, Mrs. Tweedale.

He had been a member of the Oddfellows' organization for 67 years, and was one of the oldest members of Forest City Lodge, No. 38, in London, Ont. While in Calgary, he was a member of the Pro-Cathedral of the Redeemer.

Three daughters and three sons, Mrs. Jessie Kerr, Calgary; Mrs. Tweedale, in Essex; and Mrs. Margaret Wigle, Crossfield; and Fred, in Calgary; Lewis, in Ladner, B.C.; and Thomas, in Drumheller; 21 grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren survive.

The remains will arrive at the Jacques funeral residence Wednesday morning, and will lie in state until 1 o'clock Wednesday afternoon. Funeral services will be held at the Pro-Cathedral of the Redeemer at 2 o'clock in the afternoon, Very Rev. Dean H. R. Ragg officiating. Interment will be in the family plot in the Union cemetery.—Calgary Herald.

CAMPAIGN AGAINST CHRISTMAS

A vigorous campaign was launched by the League of Militant Atheists, December 10th, throughout the Soviet union to prevent the observance of Christmas and of Maharran, the Muhammadan religious festival. The campaign was intended to mobilize the working masses for shock work during the Christmas and New Year holidays. Various forms of social pressure were suggested as a means of compelling "believers" to work on those religious holidays. The stupid outbursts of many of these militant atheists are a trifle ludicrous, and would be altogether a joke but for the fact that the illiterate are likely to take them seriously. It is evident from the literature of the campaigners that their propaganda has been falling flat of late, and many of their supposed converts to atheism have been returning to the practice of religion. For a man to say in his heart, "There is no God," is a foolish affirmation at any time. At the Christmas season it is surely the height of stupidity. The spectacle of the anti-God group in Russia, setting out to tear religion from the heart of the world, is rather pathetic, especially when one reflects that every decent and desirable feature of modern civilization has come to us directly or indirectly through religion.—Es.

Here's a new parody: "A thing of beauty has joy-rides forever."

Two regulations under the hours of work act regarding the Christmas trade have been announced by the British Columbia relations board at Victoria. They provide, temporarily, that employees in that division of mercantile industry connected with mail order, shipping and delivery branches may work more than eight hours a day to cope with the seasonal rush up to 48 hours a week.

Mrs. John Twerdochlib, of Arline, Alberta, whose husband was fatally injured when ejected from a Drumheller hotel last spring, has been awarded \$22,611 in her suit against Mrs. Kate Hanna, administratrix of the estate of the late James Hanna. Mr. Justice Boyle found that there had been more force than necessary used in ejecting Twerdochlib from the hotel. He died from a fractured skull. An appeal will likely be entered.

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(Dedicated to Dr. T. O'Hagan).

I know a man, who is a regular Saint,
And he doesn't need a dab of paint.
I should know, I am a regular pest!
Truly, this chap is one of the best.

He will lend you a hand in the dark
Of the night,
He will do his best to set you right,
And when you have trouble and sickness galore
You can always rely he is at your door.

No matter how tired or weary his feet
With a cheery word to you he will greet.
Remember these words are not in vain
For he is always ready to lend his pain.

I need not be the injured hand,
For there are other things he will understand.

Oh, I say, folks, he is simply grand!
So let us stand by and give him a hand.

Some may say that is a doctor's stripe
But you will not find many of his
stamp in life.
Some might say he is stern and cold,
Look underneath and you will find
wealth untold.

Bert: "Why do the leaves turn red
in the autumn?"
Wolstenholme: "I suppose they are
blushing to think how green they've
been all summer."

Jack: "The last time I was at the
seaside, I flirted with a girl and she
called a policeman."

Wilfred: "Gee, you're lucky! The
last time I flirted with a girl she called
a clergyman."



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PHILOSOPHY IN
THE BEER PARLOR

It was a queer kind of subject to be discussing in the beer parlor, yet here we were trying to solve a problem that had taxed the powers of philosophers from time immemorial.

Why do women paint? By a process of exhaustion? We had succeeded in riddling the question of certain fallacies. The now almost universal practice of "making up" was not a mere passing fashion, evidences of it had been found in the tomb of Tutankhamen. Nor were we satisfied in calling it a mere survival—or in its present vogue—a revival of an ancient primitive practice; to say that was to explain nothing and we were bent on an explanation. Was it that the woman of today, by her treatment of skin, hair, eyelashes, eyebrows, lips and finger nails, aimed at presenting to the world a complete fiction? That wouldn't do either. There was no attempt to apply the art which conceals art. These, and other specious plans we had examined and cast aside. There remained, as we thought, only two possible alternatives: either women painted to beautify themselves, or they did it to attract the opposite sex. Both explanations, we agreed, had to stand or fall by results, for women were not stupid. No, by no manner of means! But looking carefully at the first we saw that the object could not be beautification. For if so, "beauty treatment" would aim at more subtle results. I would delicately enhance this feature or that; it would try to secure a lightning of the individuality by skillful touches in form and color. Instead of that, and judging by actual results, the purpose seemed to be that of suppressing individuality altogether and slurring over every element of natural beauty by the donning of a mask of correctly standardized pattern. What then of the sex attraction theory? Here we reminded ourselves once more that women were not stupid. They must know by this time, we said, that the normal man looks upon the processes of distortion to which women devote so much time, money and passionate care as a female folly, sometimes amusing and oftener repulsive. We agreed to a fact that a plain woman, who does not "make up" is more attractive than a good-looking one who does. The plain woman is at least herself; the other, in presenting herself as an improved article, is confessing a certain defeat. In something like despair a our failure we asked for a parting glass by way of comfort.

Now be it known that our bartender, Amos, is from Boston, and a man of great understanding—for have we not heard him dilate on the Rosicrucian mysteries? Sensing our defeat and in a voice full of benevolence, he inquired of our trouble. "Boys," he said, when he had listened to our tale: "Boys, I can tell you, but you may not understand. But let me speak this to you credit, that you have done the right thing in rejecting all the explanations you have discussed. Let me especially commend the astuteness of your observation that women are not hopelessly stupid. With that as your guiding principle you have been preserved from serious error. Listen, boys, and I will whisper the truth into your furry ears. The readiness of women to engage in a fraud—an obvious, self-confessed fraud—suggests a deeper impulse than that of mere imitation. It indicates that women are not interested in things as they are, that reality and truth are not, in deepest fact, their business. Their make-up, the imperfection of which they correct so shamelessly in the public view—I have seen them do it even in church—their make-up, I say, is an illusion which is infinitely more precious to them than any unadorned fact. They never want to see themselves as they are, nor be seen as they are. That is why, I say—and you will not misunderstand me, gentlemen—that the truth is not in them."

After a moment or two in which he appeared to be struggling with some deep emotion, he proceeded:

ON TO PONOKA

When Magistrate Scott, of Calgary, delivered the opinion that "if a youth of nineteen is not fit to look after himself he should be in Ponoka," he laid himself open to criticism. This remarkable statement was made, according to press reports, as a result of a case in which two young men pleaded guilty to the theft of an overcoat and scarf. The older man involved wished to take entire blame, but the magistrate held the nineteen-year-old youth, also responsible, and interjected the Ponoka idea.

Remember, adults, the time when you were nineteen years of age. Recall the relatively few temptations, the never-ceasing parental vigilance, the security of a job and of modest but sure wages. And yet, were there not occasional escapades from which you escaped more luckily than you deserved? Was your life at all times stable, reliable and above reproach? It is to doubt. You were wise in your own sight, but you were headstrong, impetuous and shortsighted. In short you were not at all times "fit to look after yourself." Your experience of life and society, and the sure hand of retribution, was very limited. Yet you were a fairly normal youth with many years of usefulness ahead. There are few adults whose pasts are so irreproachable that they would have endorsed the strange assertion of Magistrate Scott.

It is granted that the stealing of an overcoat is an act of dishonesty deserving of punishment. A few years ago when work and pay were plentiful, it might even have been classed as a sign of insanity. But today the theft of overcoat, or shoes, or a can of beans, under the drive of want, may be a symptom of that dulling sense of the sacredness of property. When a nineteen-year-old youth steals, he need not be insane, but he may be cold or hungry. He may be under unhealthy influence, all of which is a responsibility of the State. Perhaps the candidates for Ponoka are not these erring young people so much as those elder members of society who are responsible for shifting them out from normal livelihood. If Magistrate Scott's grim comment is directed to a youth of 19, what of the adult of 40, the adult of 60. One who is "not fit to look after himself," might be one who steals other people's property, either a can of beans by direct action, or a million dollars by subtlety. It might be one who steals other people's character, or one who steals the serenity and peace of others by bursts of temper, or one who in a way menaces the physical, mental or moral well being of others. There are few, indeed, be they 20 or 10 or 60 years of age, who at all times and under all conditions, could be sure they would be fit to look after themselves, although their lapses might not be punishable by law. So, cherio, we'll be seeing you in Ponoka.—High River Times.

"Have you asked yourselves the question: Why are men not addicted to make-up? We let ourselves appear in a recognizable form because we innately prefer truth to fiction, reality to illusion, reason to sentimental desire. Man, as we know, has nursed illusions but not with any comfort, not with persistence, when he comes to know them as such."

"Now, boys—oh, if I could only make this plain to you—the truth for us to grasp is this, the painted woman is in the last analysis symbolical of a philosophical attitude. We either accept things as they are or we prefer an artificial pattern of reality. Women, as a whole, exhibit the latter preference. Life to them is only tolerable when dressed up in some conventional garb. It is a quality of mind, gentlemen. There's the final answer to your question. But now, before you go—just one moment."

He hastily procured for himself a tiny glass, set it on the table, raising it again as he said: "Let us drink to the sex, gentlemen: God bless them."

In deep solemnity we drained our glasses.—CC. in Red Deer Advocate.

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NOTE ON DEPRESSION

Here is a note of comfort upon the depression. It was written by the late Pericles, who had a golden age in Greece 2000 years ago or more. You should pin it on the office wall. "Born, as you are, citizens of a great state, and brought up, as you have been, with habits equal to your birth, you should be ready to face the greatest disasters, and still to keep unimpaired the lustre of your name. The hand of heaven must be borne with resignation, that of the enemy with fortitude. Remember that if your country has the greatest name in all the world, it is because she never bent before disaster. Do not betray any sign of being oppressed by your present sufferings, since they whose minds are least sensitive to calamity, and whose hands are most quick to meet it, are the greatest men of the greatest communities."

When'er a hen lays eggs, with each She feels compelled to make a speech. This self-same urge stirrs human bones Whenever men lay corner stones.

THE CELEBRATED TIM BUCK

Tim Buck was a no-nonsense little Torontonian, preaching communism a handful of followers a couple of years ago. He was getting nowhere with his wacky and naive plan to pour his doctrine on Canadian soil.

Then the Toronto police got into a blue funk over communists in general and Tim Buck in particular. They laid in wait for him and caught him uttering disloyal words.

Buck was arrested for sedition and sent to Kingston penitentiary. There he became the hero of his followers and a personage known the length and breadth of Canada.

Seventeen thousand people gathered in a Toronto auditorium the other night to hear Buck relate his experience of jail life and also hear him fervently advocate his doctrine of the commune.

Intolerant, narrow-minded police officials can do more to make a man a celebrity by arresting him than can be accomplished in almost any other way.

Like the Bourbons, they never learn—and never forget.—The Bassano Mail.

CROWS' NEST PASS
HOCKEY LEAGUE

Schedule 1964-1965

Dec. 25—Macleod at Lethbridge.
Dec. 26—Bellevue at Macleod.
Dec. 29—Coleman at Blairmore.
Dec. 29—Macleod at Medicine Hat.
Dec. 31—Blairmore at Coleman.
Jan. 1—Lethbridge at Macleod.
Jan. 3—Blairmore at Bellevue.
Jan. 5—Bellevue at Medicine Hat.
Jan. 5—Coleman at Macleod.
Jan. 5—Blairmore at Lethbridge.
Jan. 7—Macleod at Coleman.
Jan. 8—Lethbridge at Bellevue.
Jan. 9—Blairmore at Blairmore.
Jan. 11—Coleman at Bellevue.
Jan. 12—Coleman at Lethbridge.
Jan. 14—Medicine Hat at Coleman.
Jan. 14—Macleod at Bellevue.
Jan. 15—Medicine Hat at Macleod.
Jan. 17—Lethbridge at Medicine Hat.
Jan. 19—Coleman at Medicine Hat.
Jan. 19—Blairmore at Macleod.
Jan. 21—Macleod at Blairmore.
Jan. 22—Lethbridge at Coleman.
Jan. 24—Bellevue at Lethbridge.
Jan. 26—Blairmore at Medicine Hat.
Jan. 28—Medicine Hat at Blairmore.
Jan. 29—Medicine Hat at Bellevue.
Jan. 30—Lethbridge at Blairmore.
Jan. 31—Lethbridge at Coleman.
Feb. 2—Medicine Hat at Lethbridge.
Since setting the above schedule, announcement is made that Macleod has dropped, which will necessitate considerable revision.

HERE IS A GOOD ONE

A former salesman in one of the western provinces became disabled. He was asked to suggest another man to take his work.

This man came back and advised that he had asked a number of men. He said that the trouble in his town was that the men who could handle the line were on relief and that they were afraid if they made any money they would have to have it taken off their relief quota.

If in one town in the province of Saskatchewan there are some travelling salesmen of this class it is high time that the Government of Saskatchewan woke up to the fact that they are being bled by "suckers." It is also time that the Dominion government ceased lending money for the support of men who will not work when work is offered to them.—True Weekly News.

In spite of everything, including warnings, a lot of people are still getting married.

For wealth, my friends, is not always gold, And he has that something that cannot be sold.

Then, when he has helped you and set you right

Don't knock him, my friend, when he is out of sight.

—Mary Mack in Edson-Jasper Signal.

Dr. O'Hagen practiced medicine in Frank and Blairmore around thirty years ago, so the above poem is of interest to local old-timers.



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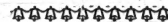
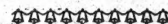
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W. S. Knight, of the Luscar Mercantile Co., has taken over the business of the Mountain Park Co-operative Society. The new store will be under the management of Art Leonard, recently of Safeway Stores. Mr. Knight was a former resident of the Cowley district.

Mrs. David Kemp, senior, returned Saturday night from an extended visit with her daughter and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. John Higgins, near Boston, Mass. Mrs. Higgins and child returned with her and will spend some time in Blairmore. Mrs. Higgins was formerly Miss Jean Kemp.



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Compensations

All people have experienced the effects of the depression in greater or less degree. All have taken their losses, some great, some small, but loss of one kind or another has been sustained by all. What about the gains, because there have been gains, too, although it may be difficult for many people to appreciate the truth of that statement.

Emerson in his "Essay on Compensation" held the comforting view that action and reaction always are equal, that for every loss there is a gain, for every hardship a recompense. This may be true if all eternity is taken into the balance, but the facts of this life hardly support Emerson's idea. That for many, perhaps most, losses there are compensating, or partially compensating gains is no doubt true; that hardships have their recompense is not to be denied in the majority of cases; that for every action there is bound to be some reaction is admitted, but it does not follow that every good action will call forth an evil one, or every evil action will ultimately result in good. Indeed, the reverse is all too frequently true.

But the past five depression years, with all their accumulated losses, and sufferings, and sorrow, with all their hard experiences and bitter lessons, have also brought good into the world; there are gains to be recorded on the credit side of the ledger.

A fact pretty well established during the war years was the ability of men and women of the twentieth century to stand hardships and face suffering and death without shrinking, even with a smile. Before the war it had almost come to be accepted as a fact that mankind had grown soft with the higher standard of life enjoyed, and with machines doing much of the hard labor of by-gone years. The war dispelled all such notions.

The depression years have given further evidence of this same fact. Men and women in countless millions have demonstrated the stamina of the race; they have revealed traits of endurance, of bravery, of heroism, unparalleled in war, and all called forth without the excitement of war but in the prosaic and humdrum routine of commonplace affairs. Mankind has shown it can "take it," that it has the capacity and the spirit to hang on and carry on, that it can bend but not break without being broken.

Twelve million citizens of the United States have given their views of depression's effects in a symposium in a magazine recently issued. Changes have come, and come to stay, they admit, but the lasting effect of these will be to restore appreciation for those old-fashioned principles and pioneer values which mankind was in danger of forgetting and losing in the years of abounding prosperity.

Henry Ford, for example, thinks the last five years have brought us all nearer to a society based on justice, opportunity and security. "We spent the first two years wondering when 1929 was coming back," he says. "We spent the next two years hoping for something that was said to be 'just around the corner.' We have spent the past year believing in Santa Claus. But there are signs at last that people are beginning to take the hint, and are ready to enter a positive state of mind regarding this experience."

Rev. Harry Emerson Fosdick says: "Thousands of young men and women and all dressed up with an education and have nowhere to go. They are having driven home on them the fact that our social order needs reformation; that profound changes must come, and that it never can be altogether well with anybody until it is well with everybody."

Frank Vanderlip, the financier, declares: "The depression has saved many of our young people from living lives they know it and are happier. They are broader sympathies, they have less arrogance, and they are to-day facing with clear eyes the necessity of giving if they are to have."

Evangeline Booth, Salvation Army leader, says: "The depression has taught us that a city is not to be judged by its big buildings and its spectacular squares and monuments. The homes in the back streets are what constitute the city as a place to live. The impoverishment of the nation during these lean years has tended to level all classes."

Thousands of young people who had been brought up to believe they could live a life of ease, idleness and pleasure, have learned that they, like the great majority, must work; men and women who had looked forward to certain careers have been forced into entirely different channels, and many of them have found the new channels more congenial and better fitted to their abilities and ambitions; initiative instead of being destroyed has been stimulated.

People have learned that, as Evangeline Booth says of a city, so with their individual lives. It is not the money or other possessions they may have, or may have had, that really constitutes life; rather it is something less material but much finer that makes for true happiness, contentment and real living.

In the world we are now about to re-create anew, there will be fewer inordinately rich and fewer absolutely impoverished people; rather there will be a more equal distribution. There will be more rather than less individual liberty because, regardless of present day tendencies, man cherishes and will demand liberty as the most priceless of all his possessions. State and other autocracies may flourish for a time, but they cannot last, because they constitute a denial of all that is best in life. This, too, is one of the painful lessons being learned from the depression.

Speed Of The Wind

New Speed Car Being Constructed In England

A new British car is under construction for an attempt to capture the 24-hour speed record in the United States. It was disclosed. It is being built by George Eytton, British car driver, who calls his car "Speed of the Wind." He believes he can break the record of an average speed of slightly over 127 miles per hour, and he will attempt it on the dry bed of a lake near Salt Lake City, Utah, next spring.

"Once a friend of mine and I agreed that it would be helpful for each of us to tell the other all our faults."

"How did it work?"

"We haven't spoken for five years."

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There must be a reason Dr. Werner's Powder is the world's largest seller and prescribed by leading dentists. It holds teeth so firmly—they fit so comfortably—that all they long to forget you ever had false plates. Leaves no colored, gummy paste—keeps mouth sanitary, breath pleasant—the best powder you can buy yet cost is small—any drugstore.

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Bank Of Montreal

Sound Position Is Stressed At Annual General Meeting

An interesting review of what the chartered banks of Canada are doing for the depositors was given by Sir Charles Gordon in addressing the shareholders of the Bank of Montreal. In the banks of Canada, he said, there are some 4,700,000 depositors, the Bank of Montreal having one million. Depositors received during the last year some \$37,000,000 in interest and the interest paid to the shareholders amounted to \$12,000,000.

Touching on the services to the general public which the banks are performing, Sir Charles referred to the branches distributed over a vast territory, in towns and villages in remote districts, facilitating the handling of business.

Mr. W. A. Bogt, Joint General Manager, in presenting the balance sheet of the bank, noted that the strong position of the bank had been fully maintained.

About 15 per cent. of the world's chemicals are manufactured in countries which in 1913 had no important chemical manufactures.

Palestine is erecting a radio broadcasting station.

A Treasured Keepsake

Labret Family Has Sugar Bowl Used By Louis Riel

Among the treasured keepsakes in possession of J. Z. Larocque, Labret, Sask., is an old-fashioned glass sugar bowl, that in all probability did duty for Louis Riel and Gabriel Dumont prior to the defeat of the rebels in 1885. This glass sugar bowl was an importation from England by the Hudson's Bay Company for their Canadian stores and was taken in a raid by the Metis and Indians prior to the rebellion at Duck Lake.

The halfbreed and Indian rebels during their period of service in the rebellion, were forced to eat together, buck private along with the commanders, in the dugouts in the sides of the hills and ravines.

The sugar bowl, in possession of Mr. Larocque, was among those used in the camp of Dumont and Riel, and after the defeat at Batoche, Dumont with some of his followers travelled by night, and hid by day in their trek toward the United States border.

They travelled along the Prince Albert, Duck Lake and Touchwood trail that took them to the Qu'Appelle valley.

Late one night Dumont and his followers appeared at the Larocque home and offered Mrs. Larocque the sugar bowl among other things for supplies such as butter. The exchange was made and the defeated rebels were on their way, eventually reaching the United States in safety. This table piece has been kept in the Larocque family ever since. It was cracked once, but has been repaired.

Equal Arms For Germany

Necessary Preliminary To World Peace Opinion Of Arthur Henderson

Recognition of Germany's right to arms equality as a necessary preliminary to world peace was urged by Arthur Henderson, British president of the disarmament conference, in receiving the 1934 Nobel peace prize.

"Let all who regret Germany is re-arming ask why she is re-arming," he said. "General Smuts (former Premier Jan C. Smuts, of South Africa) recently said in a great speech there is only one way (toward disarmament) and that is to recognize Germany's complete equality. That is just where the road lies."

Applied To Royalty

Duke Of Gloucester Had To Obey Rule About Smoking

The most distinguished guest Toowomba, Queensland, has had in many years, the Duke of Gloucester, learned about an Australian regulation forbidding smoking in public buildings. A freeman on duty at a citizens' hall at the city show grounds asked the Duke to douse the cigarette which he was puffing. Toowomba's mayor hastily apologized and ordered the freeman to leave the building. But the chief stepped in and said his man was only doing his duty. The Duke meanwhile had stopped smoking.

Just State Of Mind

What has mathematics to do with how old a man is? A man as old as his state of mind. Birthdays tend to be against the law. Age should be reckoned by a mental test which investigates the condition of the memory. For youthfulness is measured by the subject's ability to forget how old he is.

Going In For Color

U.S. Motor License Plates Will Rival The Rainbow

The United States license plates for 1935 will present a new riot of color.

Thirty-three states and the District of Columbia will change their 1934 color motifs, a check-up revealed, and the 1935 parade will present a kaleidoscopic array that will put the rainbow to shame.

Black and various shades of green and blue will predominate, with a liberal sprinkling of white, cream, copper, orange, yellow, maroon, old gold, pearl gray, purple and aluminum.

Black and yellow, found by the bureau of standards to offer good visibility, will lead the parade, having been adopted by Colorado, Kentucky, South Dakota and Virginia.

Second in popularity will be white on green, white on blue and black on white, each to be used by four states.

Getting away from these more standard colors, many states have adopted more artistic color combinations. Among these are blue on cream in Arkansas, colonial blue on old gold in Delaware, gold on maroon in Minnesota, and yellow on midnight blue in Michigan.

Appropriately enough, California will have orange on black; and Florida, black on grapefruit yellow.

New Discovery

Radon, The Gas Of Radium, May Be Used For Treatment Of Tumor

Radon, the "gas" of radium, will be used for the second time by Dr. Edmund Kelly if he is summoned back to Callander, Ont., to treat the tumor on the right thigh of Marie, the smallest of the Dions quintuplets.

Dr. Kelly, son of Dr. Howard Kelly, only surviving member of the "Big Four" who founded the Johns Hopkins University at Baltimore, has been notified by Dr. A. H. Dafoe, the babies' physician, that the growth has shown signs of activity and may need additional treatment.

The Kellys treated Marie last August for the growth and Dr. Edmund Kelly planned to return next summer, but he said, "this new development may speed up things a little."

The tumor was described by Dr. Kelly as an angioma—one of the two forms of birthmarks. The growth on Marie's thigh is "ruled" like a raspberry and tends to spread. It is not malignant, he said, and will not eat into other flesh, but is very easily broken and will bleed. Dr. Kelly said that, because of this condition, Marie "is subject to hemorrhage or to infection, so these growths must be destroyed."

Two New Sun Rays

Stop Growth On One Side Of Plant's Stem

The discovery of two new rays from the sun which make plants bend toward the light was announced by the Smithsonian Institute. These light rays, one blue and the other blue-green, have the mysterious power of rendering inactive the growth-stimulating substance of plants, sometimes known as "auxin." By stopping growth on one side of a plant's stem, these rays and some others cause the plant to bend.

The iridescence so attractive in ancient glass is produced, says the Field Museum, by chemical action.

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Blue Bird Is Rebuilt

Sir Malcolm Campbell To Make Another Attempt At Speed Record

Eighteen months of elaborate research and hard work has gone into the rebuilding of his veteran car, the Bluebird, for his next assault in February on his own world auto speed mark of 272.108 miles an hour. Sir Malcolm Campbell lived in London recently.

Work on the car has been proceeding steadily almost since the day he returned from his last trip to Daytona Beach, Fla., in 1933. Sir Malcolm said. Several months were spent in wind tunnel tests before actual reconstruction began.

"We have every reason to believe she will be quite a bit faster," he continued. "After all we'll need to clip only one second off the present time of 13.023 seconds for the mile in order to attain 300 miles an hour."

"It's a tremendous gamble. There's no possibility of testing the car's actual speed until it is set down at Daytona, but my engineers and I are more than hopeful. Bluebird will have the same engine, otherwise it will practically be a new car."

"We've devoted ourselves to streamlining, seeking better adhesion. Now it's a question of knocking a single second off the record. We've realized that one bump which would cause the car to leave the sand for a fraction of a second might mean the difference between success and failure."

Sir Malcolm expects to make his record run sometimes between Feb. 2 and 24, depending on beach and tide conditions.

Fast Schedule For Giant Liner

"Queen Mary," White Star Liner, Will Break A Record For Speed

Ninety-six hours from Southampton to New York will be the schedule for the new giant Cunard White Star liner "Queen Mary," according to the Shipping Correspondent of the London Daily Telegraph. The "Queen Mary" will break all records as the giant vessel will speed four miles an hour faster than any ship.

Launch in Cherbourg on Saturday, tea in New York on Wednesday. Ninety-six hours in 96 hours is the schedule which the Cunard White Star Limited are said to be working out for the new liner. To maintain this time table, the "Queen Mary" will have to steam at an average of 32½ knots, which is four miles an hour faster than the average for the fastest Atlantic crossing ever made.

Actually the reserve of power from the propelling machinery will be great enough to drive the ship at 34 to 35 knots. Thanks to her enormous size and the peculiar lines of her hull she should be able to carry on at very great speed in weather that would slow down a smaller and less powerful vessel.

The elaborate time table of the ship's movement is already being worked out. It is based on a turnaround of only twelve hours, which means that she will arrive in port, disembark her passengers, re-load, re-fuel, embark new passengers, sailing again within the twelve hours. Her multiple fuel oil tanks, which mean that she will arrive in port, disembark her passengers, re-load, re-fuel, embark new passengers, sailing again within the twelve hours.

For the first time in the history of North-Atlantic travel, the exact hour of the vessel's arrival will be announced at New York before she has left Cherbourg.

Special shore staffs at each of the ports concerned will undergo a course of training to qualify them for the necessary staff work and faultless co-ordination which will make this amazing programme feasible.

All of Kiryu's 45,000 inhabitants observed one minute of silent prayer to express their apologies for an inconvenience caused Emperor Hirohito at Kiryu, Japan, when he was directed over an incorrect route.

Older Men For Soldiers

Thinks Only Men Over Forty Should Be Sent To War

A special London cable to the New York Herald-Tribune reports that Dr. Herbert Lovinston, a distinguished scientist and the president of the Institution of Chemical Engineers, believes only men over 40 should be sent to war.

"I think the loss of our finest young men in battle is biologically more serious than would be the loss of an equal number of middle-aged or elderly civilians of either sex," Dr. Lovinston declared in an address delivered at Bristol, England.

"In war youth should take control of the home front and their elders should take the danger posts. Gray beards would constitute the storm troops."

Wall-motto in an Edinburgh office: Never waste your money on drink but always keep a corkscrew in your desk.

Radio telephone service has been established between all parts of Palestine and the outside world.

KEEN'S PAINTING CONTEST PRIZE WINNERS

So many beautifully painted books were sent in, it was hard to decide who should get all the nice prizes. First prize of all was finally awarded to:

THELMA HILLIER

(14) Brantford

6, 7 AND 8 YEARS OLD
1st—LOUIS KIDDELL (7), St. Catharines, Ont.
2nd—ALEX. C. NEWLANDS (8), Brantford, Ont.
3rd—HILLY GRAHAM (8), Quill Lake, Sask.

9 AND 10 YEARS OLD
1st—GEORGE BROWN (10), Crossfield, Alta.
2nd—EILEEN OROBERT (9), Dorchester, Ont.
3rd—HILLY GRAHAM (10), Quill Lake, Sask.

11 AND 12 YEARS OLD
1st—MARK WEDDER (11), Regina, Sask.
2nd—AMY WRIGHT (11), Brantford, Ont.
3rd—FLORENCE DENTON (12), Regina, Sask.

13 AND 14 YEARS OLD
1st—JEAN FAIRBIE (13), Port Hope, Ont.
2nd—GEORGE B. HOLDEN (14), Regina, Sask.
3rd—ALICE TOLLEMAN (14), St. Catharines, Ont.

The Other Prize Winners Were:
ONTARIO: Margaret Simpson (8), Brantford; Sandra Cuthbert (9), Hamilton; Leonard Butler (8), New Toronto; Doris Quinn (9), Windsor; Jack MacFarlane (9), Peterborough; Florence Jean McCallum (11), Markham; Leonard Wood (11), St. Catharines; Isabelle Ross (14), North Toronto; Elsie Jones (14), St. Catharines.

MANITOBA: Margaret Emma (8), Winnipeg; John James (9), Winnipeg; Yvonne Mathias (11), Brantford; Louise Quinn (12), St. Catharines; Jack MacFarlane (13), Port Hope; Ann Hovell (14), Port Hope.

ALBERTA: Margaret Emma (8), Winnipeg; John James (9), Winnipeg; Yvonne Mathias (11), Brantford; Louise Quinn (12), St. Catharines; Jack MacFarlane (13), Port Hope; Ann Hovell (14), Port Hope.

BRITISH COLUMBIA: Margaret Emma (8), Winnipeg; John James (9), Winnipeg; Yvonne Mathias (11), Brantford; Louise Quinn (12), St. Catharines; Jack MacFarlane (13), Port Hope; Ann Hovell (14), Port Hope.

QUEBEC: Margaret Emma (8), Winnipeg; John James (9), Winnipeg; Yvonne Mathias (11), Brantford; Louise Quinn (12), St. Catharines; Jack MacFarlane (13), Port Hope; Ann Hovell (14), Port Hope.

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DELAWARE: Margaret Emma (8), Winnipeg; John James (9), Winnipeg; Yvonne Mathias (11), Brantford; Louise Quinn (12), St. Catharines; Jack MacFarlane (13), Port Hope; Ann Hovell (14), Port Hope.

MARYLAND: Margaret Emma (8), Winnipeg; John James (9), Winnipeg; Yvonne Mathias (11), Brantford; Louise Quinn (12), St. Catharines; Jack MacFarlane (13), Port Hope; Ann Hovell (14), Port Hope.

WEST VIRGINIA: Margaret Emma (8), Winnipeg; John James (9), Winnipeg; Yvonne Mathias (11), Brantford; Louise Quinn (12), St. Catharines; Jack MacFarlane (13), Port Hope; Ann Hovell (14), Port Hope.

KENTUCKY: Margaret Emma (8), Winnipeg; John James (9), Winnipeg; Yvonne Mathias (11), Brantford; Louise Quinn (12), St. Catharines; Jack MacFarlane (13), Port Hope; Ann Hovell (14), Port Hope.

MISSISSIPPI: Margaret Emma (8), Winnipeg; John James (9), Winnipeg; Yvonne Mathias (11), Brantford; Louise Quinn (12), St. Catharines; Jack MacFarlane (13), Port Hope; Ann Hovell (14), Port Hope.



MRS. HENPECK: "Explain yourself, James. It's twenty past one."
MR. HENPECK (defiantly): "I don't care, Emily. I don't care if it's twenty-five past!"
—The Humorist, London.

CHAIN STORES RECORD PROBED BY COMMISSION

Ottawa.—The record of the chain stores on wages and weights was stressed before the parliamentary committee buying commission during the examination of J. G. Johnston, secretary of the Canadian Chain Store Association.

Johnston agreed with several members of the commission that chain stores paid low wages but he would not agree this was attributable to the system of making a low percentage of profit on a high turnover of merchandise. He said the chains hoped to increase wages as soon as the grip of the depression was lessened although he contended they paid higher averages than independent merchants.

The association secretary claimed the chain system did not force store managers to cheat customers. He gave the results of two or three tests made by him in Toronto where packages were bought in chain and independent stores. In each, the record of the chains was better than the independents.

The association secretary argued the chains had not forced competent independent merchants out of business, quoting the number of bankruptcies in Canada in 1930.

"What has happened to them," asked J. L. Hiley, Lib., Hants-Kings. "They went out of business without going through bankruptcy courts," retorted Sam Factor, Lib., Toronto, West Centre. "The fact there were fewer bankruptcies does not show the independents have not gone out of business."

"They just gave up the ghost," agreed Alex Edwards, Cons., South Waterloo.

Johnston, repeating one of his main arguments, that chains had reduced the cost of living in Canada, said an average family of four could buy groceries and meats for \$12 a week from a chain store.

"If it costs \$12 a week to buy food and groceries," interjected Sam Factor, "how do the chains expect their employees to eat?" (the commission has heard evidence of hundreds of chain store employees receiving less than \$12 a week).

Many employees of the chains in the lower wage scales were unmarried, Johnston replied, being clerks in training. It was the hope of the chains, however, they could increase wages soon.

"But in the most prosperous times Canada has ever known, your wages were absolutely rotten," retorted Sommerville.

Abandon Naval Talks

Say Tri-Power Conference Will Not Be Resumed

London.—The tri-power naval talks between Great Britain, the United States and Japan, unofficially terminated, will not be resumed, it was learned, notwithstanding the Japanese desire to the contrary.

Preparations for a full naval conference in 1935 are likely to be accomplished through diplomatic channels. The British and Americans are agreed the present talks can only be renewed if some new development makes it worth while and there is little chance of this, since Japan has made it clear she will back down in her demand for actual parity with the other two, a demand Britain and the United States cannot grant.

Quality Should Be Maintained

Advice Given To Hog Producers By Hon. F. S. Grisdale

Edmonton.—Hog producers should strive to maintain quality, especially since the margin of profit in production is small, just as in the past two or three years it meant less loss, said Hon. F. S. Grisdale, minister of agriculture, in making his first address as minister to the Alberta Provincial Swine Breeders' Association in their annual meeting, R. D. Baker, North Edmonton, was re-elected president for a second term.

Wheat Marketing Difficulty

Chicago.—Removal of wheat from the luxury class and relief from influences that constrict its world demand would provide a far easier solution of present marketing difficulties than can be found in the policy of production and export, quoted W. Sanford Evans, M.L.A., prominent Winnipeg statistician, told members of the grain market analysts club here.

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Traffickers in Armaments

Empire-Wide Investigations Into Operations Are Advocated

Ottawa.—Empire-wide investigations into the operations of manufacturers and traffickers in armaments should be urged to the limit by Canadian Liberals, Rt. Hon. W. L. Mackenzie King, Dominion leader, told the National Liberal Federation.

The investigation should include the sale by Canada and other parts of the British Empire of essential war materials, "with a view to the ultimate control of the supply and sale of munitions of war by the League of Nations or some other effective international agency."

Coupled with this Mr. King suggested that Canada take the lead in declaring definitely "not only that it will give no succor to any nation which would disturb the world's peace but that it will provide neither arms nor foodstuffs nor credits to such a nation."

"I believe," asserted Mr. King, "that a declaration of policy of the kind by the government of Canada would not only be right in itself, but would win for this country friends among all the peace-loving nations of the world and would serve to open the door to broad general negotiations which would harmonize and protect their mutual interests."

He was not one of those who believed that early war in Europe was inevitable, nor did he believe responsible rulers in Europe wished for war, but it was now generally recognized that some act of violence might precipitate the most serious of crises.

Has Faith in Stevens

Miss Agnes Macphail Says Former Minister Has Won Hearts Of People

Toronto.—Miss Agnes Macphail, Canada's only woman member of parliament, told the United Farmers of Ontario that if Hon. H. H. Stevens, or Hon. W. D. Exler, would take an independent position on some progressive measure "there would be nothing to prevent her, if elected, from working with them."

Miss Macphail, substituting for Mr. Stevens, who was scheduled to speak at the U.F.O. convention, said there was nothing to prevent her from working with them "if they were going to her directly, even if they were going only part way."

"She believed Mr. Exler, former Liberal minister of national revenue, was the most courageous member of parliament," she said, "but her address was concerned more with the position of Mr. Stevens."

"The Hon. H. H. Stevens has won the hearts of the people in Canada, and certainly the hearts of the farmers," Miss Macphail said. "He has won their hearts because of his willingness to work for the hitherto masses, to use his own phrase, and because of his willingness to make a real personal sacrifice to do these things. Such willingness in high places is so rare in Canada it leaves us gasping."

Research Work

Co-operation Between National Research Council And Department Of Agriculture

Ottawa.—Arrangements for close co-operation between the national research council and the department of agriculture were approved at a meeting of the council. Associate committees of the council will be recognized as committees of both the department and the council in the work of the committees. The object is to avoid duplication of effort and speed up research work on agricultural matters.

Nine Face Firing Squad

Soviets Have Executed 75 Since Assassination Of Kiroff

Minsk, U.S.S.R.—Nine alleged counter-revolutionists faced a firing squad shortly after they were convicted of terrorism.

The sentences, imposed by the military collegium of the Soviet supreme court, brought to 75 the number of condemned since the assassination of Sergei Kiroff, December 1, started sweeping investigations of counter-revolutionary operations.

Slaves Want Their King

London.—A fervent wish that the King and Queen of Siam would return to their people and retain the crowns they threaten to discard was expressed by Chao Fy Sri Dhamadhis, speaker of the House of Representatives. He made the statement shortly before leaving for an audience with the tiny monarch.

Central Bank Directors

Selection To Be Made At Annual Meeting On Jan. 23

Ottawa.—A slate of 60 names from which shareholders of the Bank of Canada are to select seven directors at the first annual meeting on Jan. 23 will be circulated among all holders of central bank stock as soon as possible. Following a meeting of the provisional directors the list of those whose nominations proved satisfactory was made public here.

Representative of all provinces except Prince Edward Island, the list contains the name of only one woman, the wife of Senator James Mordue of Ottawa. Nominations closed Dec. 5.

Ontario and Quebec head the list with 28 and 19 nominees respectively. Manitoba and British Columbia each nominated five candidates and there were three each from Alberta, Saskatchewan, Nova Scotia and New Brunswick.

Regulations require the selection of two directors representative of primary industry (class A), two representative of commerce and manufacturing (class B), and three from any class of industry (class C).

PARLIAMENT TO ASSEMBLE ON JANUARY 17

Ottawa.—January 17 was confirmed as the date for assembling parliament, following a cabinet council decided over by Prime Minister R. B. Bennett.

Other matters dealt with included further appointments to the Dominion-wide force required for the operations of the Farmers' Creditors' Arrangement Act. No information was made public beyond the announcement of parliament's opening.

January's opening will start the sixth session of the 17th parliament since confederation—and also the last session, as the statute requires the calling of a general election at least every five years. The present government took office in August, 1930.

Whether it will be a long session or a short one rests with the opposition. While the prime minister may summon parliament, the prerogative rests in the hands of the government. A popular belief in unofficial circles here is parliament will dissolve in April and a date will then be fixed for the general election.

Has Home Building Plan

Winnipeg Will Ask Loan To Overcome Crowded Conditions

Winnipeg.—A self-liquidating scheme of home reconstruction, supported by the federal government, has been proposed here by the special civic committee on housing as its first move to rehabilitate houses and eliminate overcrowding conditions.

The committee will ask the Manitoba government for assistance in obtaining a loan of \$500,000 from the Dominion at not more than four per cent interest, repayable in 10 years. The committee also will ask for a direct federal contribution of one-quarter of the amount.

FORMER U.S. PRESIDENT POSES ON PUBLIC APPEARANCE



Making one of his rare public appearances since he stepped out of the office of President of the United States, Herbert Hoover is pictured reviewing a parade during a patriotic demonstration in San Jose, California.

REVIEW BOARD HEAD



Mr. Justice J. A. Hope, who has been selected as head of the provincial board of review for Ontario under the Farmers-Creditors Arrangement Act, is a Dominion Government appointment.

Will Try British System

Principles Of Scotland Yard Studied By Ontario Police Officers

Toronto.—A system based upon principles employed by Scotland Yard, Great Britain's famous crime detection agency, will be put into effect for the purpose of increasing the efficiency of the provincial police force.

Major-General V. A. S. Williams, commissioner for 14 years, and who recently passed three months in England studying the methods of Scotland Yard, is working out details of the plan with Attorney-General Arthur Robb.

Under the new system, officers from various parts of the province will be offered opportunity of taking a two months' course in police work at Queen's Park headquarters. Lectures will be given by authorities on all branches of criminal investigation. At the end of the course there will be examinations, which will serve as a basis of judgment when promotions are considered.

Self-Rule For India

Government's Plan For A New Constitution Is Approved

London.—The House of Commons adopted a motion approving the government's plan for a new constitution for India, involving self-government with safeguards. The motion for approval carried by an overwhelming majority, 410 to 127.

The motion approved the report of the joint select committee which investigated the Indian situation.

The commons first rejected a Labor amendment by a vote of 491 to 49. This amendment urged that the India bill should be based on the report of the Labor members of the joint select committee, in order to provide for eventual dominion status for India.

Protect Bank Tellers

Saskatoon.—A bullet-proof cage, hidden beneath the counter but raised by springs which can be released by the foot, is the invention of a Saskatoon man for the protection of bank tellers during holdups. The device, made by Bert Grummett, a piano mover, will be drawn to the attention of the Canadian Bankers' Association by the Saskatoon Board of Trade.

Poultry Marketing

Plan Of Western Co-Operative Organization For Producers Only

Ottawa.—The plan of the Western co-operative poultry producers to regulate the marketing of eggs and poultry contemplated by the local boards in each of the prairie provinces should consist of producers entirely, the Dominion marketing board was assured.

Supporting the scheme, Alfred Speakman, U.F.A. member for Red Deer, W. A. Landreth, president and general manager of the Canadian Poultry Pool, Limited, and G. H. Barr, K.C., Regina, gave this assurance in emphatic terms. Mr. Speakman appeared on behalf of producers of Alberta, Saskatchewan and Manitoba who favor the plan.

The local boards, the advocates of the scheme stated, would consist in Manitoba of directors of the Manitoba Co-operative Poultry Marketing Association, Limited; in Saskatchewan of directors of the Saskatchewan Poultry Pool, Limited, and in Alberta of directors of the Alberta Poultry Federation and the Alberta Poultry Pool, Limited. In the selection of these directors, all registered producers of the associations would have the right to vote.

Would Adjourn Law Courts

British Chief Justice Issues Threat In House Of Lords

London.—An incident unique in English history occurred in the house of lords when Lord Chief Justice Hewart, first minister of the United Kingdom, threatened to suspend the courts of law.

Lord Hewart rose to oppose a clause in the bill modifying supreme court procedure which, he declared, was deliberately affronting to Sir Henry Slesser, former solicitor-general.

Lord Hewart announced he would "fight the bill line for line, and if necessary, word for word." He stated he could not sit in the house of lords and as chief justice simultaneously he would not hesitate, if the bill is not modified, to adjourn the law courts of England as long as the bill was under discussion, at risk of disrupting judicial functions, to do which he considered his duty.

ALBERTA CLAIMS CASE HEARING IS CONCLUDED

Ottawa.—The question of who owns the water rights in the province of Alberta still remains a knotty problem, with the Dominion and the province at variance, at the conclusion of public hearings in Alberta's natural resources claims case.

The problem arose during the hearings before the Dyarst commission, and counsel for both sides reported to their respective governments, with the result that arguments were opened directly between the Dominion and the province.

The Dominion's contention is that water rights passed to the province in the agreement of 1930, under which the natural resources administration was transferred to the federal government—passed back to the province.

The province contends the problem is outside of the commission's sphere of action, and if negotiations failed, the matter was one for a court to decide. The question could be carried to the privy council in London.

At the close of the public hearings before the commission both the Dominion and the province had filed all exhibits and counsel had concluded their oral arguments.

Alberta did not present a total of gross claims and the Dominion did not total its counter-claims against Alberta.

Counsel for Albert announced a brief would be filed within 10 days which would summarize Alberta's total claims. This would be forwarded to the commission.

J. MacGregor Stewart, Dominion counsel, stated the Dominion's final brief was withheld pending the province's final brief.

Mr. Justice A. K. Dyarst, Winnipeg, chairman, stated no definite date for completing the commission's report could be fixed. This depended on the commission's progress after final briefs from opposing counsel were received. A report on Saskatchewan's claims will be presented at the same time.

The commissions would file their reports with the federal government and the provincial governments concerned, and public announcements would be made from these sources.

TROOPS OF FIVE NATIONS WILL PATROL THE SAAR

Saarbrücken.—Saarbrücken, metropolis of the Saar basin territory, is now the focal point of preparations for the January 13 plebiscite.

While troops of five nations made ready to join the international force to patrol the territory, the Saar Plebiscite Commission acted to insure fair and secret balloting.

The commission issued regulations requiring that voters register and seal their ballots unaided in closed booths and that the ballots cast in each district be brought here by neutral officials to be tabulated by neutral tellers.

Meanwhile, detachments of the British contingent for the international patrol force reached France and Major-General J. E. B. Brind, the commander-in-chief, was en route here from London to take charge of his command.

Geneva.—The Saar basin territory international patrol force will be a highly mobile army, plans announced here disclosed.

Its equipment, an official statement said, will be designed to enable it to meet any emergency.

Rome.—Preparations went forward here for organization of Italy's contingent in the international force to patrol the Saar basin territory. The detachment, it was announced, will consist of a regiment of Grenadiers and a battalion of Carabinieri—the national police.

Bandits Kill Missionaries

American Man And Wife Also slain And Bodies Abandoned

Shanghai.—The slaying of two youthful American missionaries by Chinese bandits and the abandonment of their bodies on a battlefield 15 miles from Tientsin, was reported to the China inland mission office.

Fate of their two-months-old baby, also kidnapped, was not disclosed. The kidnappers who looted Tientsin, Dec. 7, was not disclosed.

Mr. and Mrs. John C. Stam, who had been married less than two years, were the victims. They were abducted last week.

Lau Cheng Hwa, governor of Anhwei province, advised the mission no trace had been found either of the child or its body.

A letter written by Stam shortly before his disappearance was received by W. Gibbs, director of the China inland mission. The letter was mailed at Tientsin, Dec. 6. It announced briefly that Stam and his family had been captured by bandits who demanded 20,000 silver dollars ransom.

Stam asked Gibbs to pursue any course deemed advisable. He wrote that Tientsin had been suddenly attacked and that there had been no time to evacuate. He said the mission was completely looted and everything of value carried off.

Stock Show At London

King George's Entries Took Good Show Of Awards

London.—Farmers and their wives from all parts of the country were prominent visitors to London on Dec. 11, drawn by the great Smithfield fat-stock show, perhaps the most famous of the major fairs of Christmas here.

His Majesty with 21 entries from Windsor and Sandringham took a goodly share of the awards, although it was feared recently that fresh restrictions following a new outbreak of foot and mouth disease would not be lifted in time to enable exhibits from the royal estates.

The Prince of Wales, with seven Devon cattle from his farm on the Duchy of Cornwall, secured one first and several minor awards.

British Troops In France

Calais, France.—The first British troops to set foot on French soil since the conclusion of the Great War have landed here. The contingent, part of Great Britain's contribution to the international force for patrol of the Saar territory, was billeted in the ancient citadel awaiting the arrival of the rest of the British regiments.

Farming In China

Nanking, China.—The average income of the Chinese farmer, the country over, is only \$20 a year, Chinese money, a sum equivalent to only \$8.00 in Canadian money. This shocking revelation of the poverty of peasants is made in a statistical report just issued by the Nanking University's agricultural college.

THE world is a rush, ye ken,
There's nee much rest for business men;
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May Christmas bring you Muckle Joy,
The New Year luck wifout alloy;
And a' your cares be fleeting.

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Leonard McDonald, of the Calgary "Enterprise" staff, is assisting at a news report, "and no reason the Blairmore branch during the ill. can be assigned for his suicide." Now, isn't that nice?



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Local and General Items

The Editor will be pleased to receive items for this section, regarding visitors entertained, parties leaving for holidays or short trips, bridge parties, teas, etc. Phone items in to 11 or hand them in at The Enterprise office no later than Wednesday evenings.

Dr. and Mrs. E. J. Anderson were in town from Calgary on Saturday last.

Alberta's general crop for 1934 has been estimated at a value of \$101,891,000.

George McRae, representing Mid-West Paper Sales, Ltd., Calgary, was in town the early part of the week.

Lotteries as a source of income are being conducted by about thirty governments of the world at the present time.

In order to permit of greater hospital accommodation, Dr. and Mrs. R. F. Stewart have taken up residence in an apartment in West Blairmore.

Robert Livett and Angus Morrison were returned to office as president and secretary of District 18, United Miners of America, by quite a majority.

BE WITH THE CROWD on New Year's Eve and make whoopee at the Elks' 11th annual dance-frolic, Columbus hall. Noisemakers, confetti, 'n everything.

Ninety-three farmers from the Foothills visited Blairmore and the Pass on Saturday last. They claimed that 95 per cent of them were Social Credit converts.

Chief Michael Beauvais, of the Iroquois Indian tribe, Quebec, was fined \$50 for performing a marriage ceremony, on the ground that he had no right to perform wedding ceremonies.

Owing to unforeseen circumstances, the concert billed to be staged at the Michel on this Friday night, December the 21st, by the Blairmore Male Voice Choir, has been postponed to some time in January. Watch for an announcement.

Mr. and Mrs. Carmichael and Margaret leave on Saturday and will spend the Christmas holidays in Edmonton with relatives. While Harvey will return after Christmas, Mrs. Carmichael and Margaret will remain for a few days.

The Newfoundland liquor commission will abolish the permit system. Hotels will be permitted to sell bottled spirits to guests, and also to serve spirits to guests at their meals. Beer and wine will likely be sold in stores, as in Quebec province.

Paddy Conklin, well known locally as one of the principals of the Conklin & Garrett shows, is slated for the presidency of the Showman's League of America. Paddy is only 40 years of age and will be the youngest man ever to hold the position.

A double wedding took place at Macleod on Monday, December the 3rd, the contracting parties being Miss Martha McEwen, only daughter of Mr. William McEwen, of Waterton, and Mr. Verne Albiston, of near Cardston; and Miss Helen Smith, eldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Carl Smith, of Beaver Mines, to Mr. Spence Woolsey, of Cardston.

"Out in Australia, where I live," said the lecturer, "neighbors are sometimes as much as 20 miles away."

"It must be lonesome," remarked a listener.

"It has its compensations," continued the lecturer; "for instance, when one purchases a lawn mower, it practically becomes one's own property."

MERCHANTS—now is the time to order Counter Check Books at direct from factory prices, plus freight. Delivery will be made to suit your convenience. Do not allow your supply to run low before ordering, as it takes close to one month to secure the new supply. Prices gladly quoted on any style of book, also all forms of loose leaves, etc. Phone 11, The Enterprise.

At a recent meeting of the Elks' 11th River, eight candidates were initiated.

Some men wear long-suffering faces all the time—as a business matter, of course.

Peter Vereg, leader of the Canadian Doukhobors, was sentenced at Winnipeg to serve two months in jail for assault.

The East Kootenay Musical Festival will be held at Cranbrook on May 2, 3 and 4. The syllabus has just been issued.

Robert Livett, president of District 18 of the United Mine Workers of Alberta, was a visitor to this district from Calgary last week end.

H. Bossenberry, M.L.A., is a patient in hospital, suffering from injuries sustained in an auto accident east of Pincher Creek.

The annual convention of the Alberta Division of the Canadian Weekly Newspapers Association will be held at Banff or Calgary the latter part of January.

When Mundare grain strike pickets appealed against their recent sentences, they succeeded in having their penalties more than doubled, in some cases trebled.

We thank Mrs. Mark Drum for her regular Christmas gift, a bag of her own grown walnuts, accompanied by the season's greetings to all friends in The Pass.

The Crows' Nest Pass Flying Club has been incorporated under The Companies Act of the Province of Alberta with capitalization of \$10,000 and registered office at Cojeman.

DANCE THE OLD YEAR OUT. Elks' 11th annual dance-frolic. Monday, December 31st, Columbus hall. Aradians' music, confetti, streamers, noisemakers, to help whoop'er up.

Grounds for divorce: St. Louis—husband kept a large catfish in the family bathtub; Brooklyn—mother-in-law occupied the same room on the young couple's honeymoon; Pittsburgh—bride took husband's car and went off on a honeymoon by herself.

Elizabeth Kerr entertained a number of her chums at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. G. Kerr, on Saturday evening last, the occasion of her 15th birthday. The happy party broke up close to 11 o'clock, hardly realizing it was so late.

FOR SALE—Doerle Short-Wave Radio Set, complete with batteries and earphone, three-tube, 10,000 miles code reception, in guaranteed working order, nearly new. Price, only \$20.00. Apply to J. H. HOLMES, Box 155, Pincher Creek, Alberta.

Two Stores at Lethbridge carried no less than four pages of advertising in a properly printed paper—The Lethbridge Herald—last Friday. Eaton's do not patronize cheap and practically unreadable forms of advertising. Every word of the printed sheet is readable.

Owing to Tuesday and Wednesday next being holidays, The Enterprise will appear on Friday, December the 28th. Our office will be open for business on Monday, Thursday, Friday and Saturday of next week. Wishing to observe all great national holidays, we, like our council, must observe Boxing Day.

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and Happiness in the New Year

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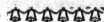
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Nest Pass we extend New Year
Greetings and Wish Everyone a
Bright and Prosperous 1935.

The Greenhill Hotel

T. H. DUNCAN, Manager

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Christmas

The Christmas season brings a welcome, if temporary respite from the trials and tribulations of the work-a-day world. It is a season of family reunions, of happy visits to the old folks at home, and through it all runs the merry laughter of little children as they await the coming of Santa Claus. Goodwill is abroad in the land. Take a glance at this festival which holds so high a place in the hearts of men.

The celebration of Christmas was not a part of the early Christian festivals and there was no consensus of opinion as to just when the feast of the nativity should be observed, whether on January 6, March 25 or December 25. No feast, however, is ever referred to in these earliest mentions of Christmas observances.

The first certain mention of December 25 is in the Calendar of Philocalus issued in 354. This states that in "year 1 after Christ, the Lord Jesus Christ was born on December 25, a Friday, and 15th day of the new moon." This reference, however, is not entirely accurate as December 25 of the year one was a Sunday.

In Britain December 25 was a festival long before the conversion to Christianity. Bede relates that "the ancient people of the Angli began the year on December 25, when we now celebrate the birthday of the Lord; and the very night which is now so holy to us, they called mothers' night by reason we suspect of the ceremonies which in that night-long vigil they performed."

It is interesting to recall that the observance of Christmas was forbidden in England by act of Parliament in 1644. Charles II, however, revived the feast.

The Christmas tree, so beloved of children, seems to have had its counterpart in early pagan religions. In Egypt the palm tree put forth a new shoot each month, and at the time of the winter solstice it was the custom of the Egyptians to decorate the houses with a branch of palm bearing twelve shoots. In Rome the fir tree was regarded with veneration, and during the Saturnalian festivities the halls and houses were hung with evergreen boughs.

Among northern European tribes a great fir tree was set up in each household at Christmastide. At its base were placed representations of Adam and Eve; in the branches coiled the serpent, and on the topmost bough glamed a candle, symbolizing that Light of the World through whom alone was victory over the serpent possible. Later in history the tree was more profusely decorated with colored knick-knacks, all of which were at first symbolical.

Christmas is never quite complete without the holly wreath and the mistletoe. The holly or holy tree was to Christians at one time an object of veneration, the little thorny leaves and red berries representing the crown of thorns and the drops of blood. Doubtless they introduced this solemn reminder at the joyous festival in order not to forget the sacredness of the occasion in the general festivities. The mistle bush, mistletoe or mistletoe as we know it—owes its use as a festive decoration to pagan times. Among the Celtic nations the mistletoe was held to be sacred, and at the festival of the winter solstice the Prince of the Druids himself cut a bough of it. The people were assembled and then were led to the woods by the priests who drove in advance of the company two snow-white bullocks. When the oak tree was found which bore the mistletoe the plant was cut with a golden sickle, and the bullocks were sacrificed. Another Scandinavian custom was the burning of the Yule log. At their feast of Yule, during the winter solstice, the Scandinavians kindled huge bonfires in honor of the god Thor. The ancient Goths and Saxons had winter festivals which they called

ed Jul. Christmas is still frequently referred to as Yuletide.

In feudal times in England the bringing in of the great Yule log to the wide hearth in the baronial hall was one of the most joyous ceremonies connected with the festival. The men hewed down the greatest log—or clog, as it was called—singing merry yule songs while they dressed it and dragged it to the hearth.

According to Herrich, the yule clog "was to be lighted with brand of the last year's log, which had been carefully laid aside for the purpose, and music was to be played during the ceremony of lighting."

Perhaps we no longer light our Christmas hearths with "the brand of last year's log," and many another good old Christmas custom has dropped by the way, but others have arisen to take their place, perhaps not so rich and colorful as the old but still alive with that true spirit of fellowship—which is Christmas.

And as we watch the merry play of the children about the Christmas tree there may come drifting through the mists of the years the wistful echoes of childish laughter long since stilled and the patter of little vanished feet on the stairs.

PHYSICIAN SUGGESTS IDEA FOR CLUB SERVICE WORK

In the course of his address at Tuesday's luncheon of the Rotary Club on the topic, "Walking the Hospitals," Dr. T. R. Ross, a past president of the Alberta Medical Association, suggested that Rotarians, up to the proper age limit, have their blood "typed" at the local hospital. The speaker stated that, were this followed with a fund to help out the patients requiring blood transfusions to save their lives, there could be no better Rotary community effort. The suggestion had been made by him to his first aid ambulance class of forty young men and each Saturday, in groups of four, these young men were going to hospital to have their blood tested.

Blood transfusions have to be made in emergency cases, and time is the essence of the situation. There are four different types of blood and the donor must be of the same type as the patient. When one's blood is "typed," the record is kept, as well as the willingness of the party to donate blood for transfusion purposes, the operation being quite simple. No one, Dr. Ross stated, knows when some near and dear friend might require a blood transfusion. In the large hospitals, they have the necessary fund and also a long list of donors whose blood has been typed. In smaller hospitals, this is not the case, and thus is offered an avenue of inestimable community service.

Dr. Ross gave his audience a word picture of his recent visits to the Cleveland, Montreal and other hospitals, and his visits to the Cleveland clinic, where he observed the great American surgeon, Dr. George Cline, operating, and discussed various problems with him. He also told of his conference with Sir Henry Gray, the noted British surgeon, who now is head of his own private hospital in Montreal, having decided to remain in Montreal after resigning from the McGill University faculty.

Referring to the strides being made as regards methods used in treating septic appendicitis and peritonitis, cancer and heart diseases by the foremost surgeons of the continent, Dr. Ross gave his fellow members much interesting information—Drumheller Mail.

Dr. Ross formerly practiced medicine at Coleman, where he was well and favorably known.

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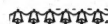
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The Cosmopolitan Hotel

Jas. F. Smith, Prop.

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The Family Goes a-Shopping

(By Samuel C. Singer)

'Twas a month before Christmas. Into Father's eyes crept that hunted look peculiar to the head of the house when the females thereof are planning a predatory excursion on the family exchequer.

His worst fears were realized that very evening. At the dinner table, Daughter suggested that Dad might feel more comfortable if he took off his coat. As though that were not warning enough, roast beef supplanted the usual Monday chicken croquettes.

Somewhere in his reading, Father had stumbled across the dictum that "The only defensive is a strong offense." He determined to get in the first blow; it had never yet helped, but hope springs eternal, etc.

"Well, you've fattened the old bull; now drag those Christmas lists out of your sleeves. But I'm warning you—we've got to cut right down to the bone this year."

"Now, Dad, you know we wouldn't put down anybody we could leave out." This from Mother. "But we can't have the whole town talking about how stingy this family is. Especially Mrs. Crabby. She'll send us the usual twenty-nine cent dolly, but if we don't give her something in return, Heaven protect us."

"All right, all right. If I've got to listen all night is gab about Gabby, I'd just as soon turn over the whole bank account to you folks and get back to my newspaper. Come on, your list first, Mother."

"I'll read off the names along with what I think we ought to give. Ready?"

"Aunt Martha—knit jacket.
"Uncle Walter—slippers
"Cousin Edna—collar and cuff set.
"Cousin Alice—gloves.
"Little Allen Simpson—a scooter.
"Doris Simpson—sleeping doll.
"The Fitzmaurice family—a percolator.

"The Browns—a hook rug.
"Al, the iceman—woolen gloves.
"Otto, the butcher-boy—\$2.
"Izzy, the grocery-boy—\$2.

"Hold on there, a minute. What about the Mayor, and the Town Council, while you're being so good with my money?"

"Your money, Father—you talk as though you had never heard of such a thing as the communal spirit in family life. Please don't interrupt. Where was I? Oh, yes; Izzy, the grocery-boy—\$2."

"Say, that's four bucks for that lazy kid already!"
"Dad, please let Mother finish her list; goodness knows mine is long enough; and Junior probably has an idea that he ought to give that frizzle-headed Jane Connelly a handkerchief or so—"

"Hey, you pipe down about the girl who commands my utmost respect and arduous attention. If it comes to talking about who's gonna give gifts to members of the opposite sex, I guess I can spill a jawful about you and that string-bean you flatter by calling a man."

"You little imitation! Calling Harold Oglethorpe names! If you were half the man that Harold is—"

"I'd be an amoeba. Now put the damper on till Mother finishes her list. And if there's any change left over, you may get a quarter or so. Go on, Mother."

"Well, there really isn't anybody else of importance left on the list. I think twenty-five dollars will more than cover the rest of my names."

Before Daughter could get under way, Junior cut in. "All right, Mother; I'll spout my list, then. Miss Jane Dorothy Connelly—one silk negligee; six pairs of silk stockings; one black pearl necklace—"

"The nerve of that kid! Say, what do you think this family is going to do? Set your girl friend up in business? And here I am, practically engaged to Harold, and all I've put him down for is a wrist watch and 3 ties

and a cane and—"

"Whoops! And you talking to me! Say, sister, you wanna take that list of yours for a walk around the block three times a day; it ain't healthy. Wotta profit your flame would make! Know what he's gonna give you? Huh? Hang on tight, you're goin' for a buggy ride. He's gonna give you his picture—and you'll buy the frame. Ain't that a laugh!"

Here Mother cut in: "Well, you children prove by all this argument that you're not grownups yet. So I am going to destroy your lists and give you ten dollars each, to do all your Christmas shopping. No protests, please. It won't do you a bit of good. Ten dollars each. That, Father, finishes this family's Christmas gift lists. I'm sure we've included everybody."

"Everybody" exploded Father.

"Where in blazes do I fit in?"

"Why Dad? Junior adopted his most diplomatic tone as he edged toward the door. "Just think of all the beautiful cancelled checks you're gonna get from the bank after Christmas!"

OVERHEARD IN AMERICAN COURTHOUSE, PERHAPS

Applicant for Naturalization appears:

"Next!"

A.—"Who? Me?"

"Born?"

A.—"Yes, Sir!"

"Where?"

A.—"Russia."

"What part?"

A.—"All of me."

"Why did you leave Russia?"

A.—"I couldn't bring it with me."

"Where were your forefathers born?"

A.—"I only got one father."

"Your business?"

A.—"Rotten!"

"Where is Washington?"

A.—"He's dead."

"I mean the capital of the United States?"

A.—"They loaned it to Europe."

"Now, do you support the Constitution?"

A.—"Me? How can I? I've got a wife and six children to support!"

—Wilton's Weekly.

PRESS PUBLICITY PAYS

"Provided that one has a good product at the right price, Press advertising is the cheapest way to sell it." So said Mr. Richard Haigh, English manager of "His Master's Voice," at a private show of the company's new radio models recently.

"In the last three months," he added, "our advertising appropriation has been three times as great as that for the corresponding period of 1933, and 75 per cent of our total outlay has been devoted to Press advertising."

"The success of our campaign has outstayed even ourselves. A 300 per cent increase in Press advertising has resulted in a 700 per cent increase in orders."—(London) Daily Mirror.

WRITING ON THE WALL

"Communism is the writing on the wall for a civilization that has too long allowed a large proportion of its population to be deprived of life's necessities," said the Moderator, the Right Rev. Richard Roberts, D.D., in a sermon at Montreal: "We must realize that Communism has started something in the world—a movement, a change of attitude, just as democracy did two centuries ago. It is a thing which will cause repercussions in succeeding generations, and we should bear in mind that one hundred and forty years ago people were talking about democracy, for and against it, much as they talk about Communism now."

THE PASS SIXTEEN YEARS AGO

(The Blainmore Enterprise, 1917)

Feb. 15.—At the regular meeting of the town council on Monday night, a volume of objections to charges made for electric meter installations was registered. At the same meeting a number of citizens objected to the unfair business tax.

Joe Beranek was killed on Saturday afternoon by a fall of coal and rock in the Frank mine.

W. J. Heffer, an electrician, sustained both legs broken when he fell from a pole while repairing wires in Blainmore on Saturday afternoon.

At a joint meeting of school boards of the Pass towns on Tuesday, a strong resolution was passed and forwarded to the provincial government, asking for wider assessment and taxation privileges. The meeting was attended by Mrs. Cawthorne and W. J. Cole, Bellevue; Frank J. Smith, Hillcrest; Alex. Cameron, of Colman; Rev. W. T. Young, of Frank; and W. A. Beebe, F. M. Pinkney and W. J. Bartlett, of Blainmore.

Halloween's night was fittingly observed at the Frank Sanatorium by a concert, in which the following took part: Misses Mary and Kate Williams, piano duo; Miss Taylor, Hillcrest, vocal solo; R. Green, Blainmore, vocal solo; Mrs. Frank J. Smith, Hillcrest, vocal solo; Miss Margueretta Williams, Bellevue, piano solo; J. R. Smith, Blainmore, recitation; Private Bruce Davis, D.C.M., reading, and others.

Harvey Welsh has returned to his post as cashier at the Cowley branch of the Union bank, after serving as relief man at Pincher Creek for several weeks.

The remains of Samuel Parker, who was killed at Bellevue, were laid to rest at Hillcrest on Sunday last.

The thrift car, Overland, is on display at Dutil's.

The sum of \$22.75 has been raised locally towards the Halifax Blind Children's endowment fund.

Feb. 22.—Dutil & Robbins are demonstrating the new Ford. It has fully developed voice, wheels and coal-oil lamps.

R. L. Norman, for some time operating the Coleman Bulletin, has passed out to the prairies.

A. Morency, W. J. Burns, H. Barlass, A. Hallworth and W. J. Bartlett returned this week from Edmonton, where they attended the grand lodge sessions of the I.O.O.F.

The Nicfor property at the corner of Eighth Avenue and Victoria Street has been purchased by Mr. J. E. Gillis. The deal was put through on Saturday by A. McLeod.

Miss Daisy Aikens has returned to Millet after a several weeks' visit with her sister, Mrs. Young, at Frank.

Dr. Lillie has opened a branch dental parlor in the front of Cole's theatre at Bellevue.

PUT THE WILL INTO GOODWILL

"Unto us a Son is given." Again comes the word which rallies hope in spite of all the red headlines of the day. Few men are utterly proof against the power that radiates from the Cradle, or devoid of the impulse to play Santa Claus to the generation just arrived. So we keep Christmas, the feast of children, an expression of our will that they shall live, for a day at least, "not under the law, but under grace." That is all to the good, but not good enough, if tomorrow there is to be a Massacre of the Innocents; or if the fulness of time is to see our sons bearing the cross of our stupidities up the dark slope of another Golgotha. Christmas calls us, perhaps with a greater urgency than ever before, to put the Will into Goodwill!

A few days ago a local sheik remarked: "I've about decided to get married."

"Won't it increase your expenses too much?"

"No; I figure it will double the life of my tires and cut my gasoline bill in two."

THE CAMPUS CO-ED

The production of "Campus Co-Ed" at the Coleman Community hall on Monday and Tuesday nights attracted very good audiences and was very much enjoyed by all.

Under the personal direction of Miss Jean F. Wallace, of the Producers' Guild, Chicago, about eighty young people, and a few oldsters in the game, gave an excellent performance. Some of the leading characters were: Miss Winona Taylor as Grace "Bee", Weatherby, W. Antrobus, junior, as coach; John Lloyd as Steve, Miss Pearl McDonald as Sunny Spurgin, Miss Ethel Wilson as Lucretia Higgins, Reuben Johnson as Piggy Wright, Miss Gwen Brown as Joan Davis, Arthur Graham as President B. B. Betters, Sidney Short as Eric Von Hoken (movie director), J. Cousins as Howard Leslie, William Lonsbury as porter, Miss Edna Fairhurst as Fay Darilyn (movie star), Hugh Dunlop as Frank Jenkins and Tony DeCocco as Dr. Fellows.

Features included the Milford Girls, Milford Boys, Rowing Crew, Tennis Girls and Campus Clog and, best of all, the Mickey Mouse chorus. This latter, comprising eight tiny tots, actually brought down the house with their performance played and sung in a most serious manner.

The Crown Chorus, Bluebird Chorus and specialty numbers by Bobby Emmerson, Juanita Cranston and Mrs. Walter Williams were also well received.

The play was staged under the auspices of St. Alban's church, and those in charge feel grateful for the support accorded their efforts. They thank all who in various ways assisted, particularly Mrs. Cranston, of Bellevue, who so kindly acted as pianist, assisted by John Pietraszko with the violin.

It is hoped an effort will be made to have the troupe appear in Blainmore or Bellevue before they dis-

AT THIS FESTIVE SEASON—

our thoughts revert gratefully to our customers, whose goodwill, loyalty and patronage have made possible our progress and prosperity during the past year.

WE WISH YOU ALL A HAPPY CHRISTMAS

Hotel Royal

"MODERN" "COMFORT" "LOW COST"

Right in the Heart of the City

Corner 2nd St. W. and 8th Ave.

C. B. BARRELL, Manager

CALGARY, ALBERTA

perso. like this forever." Sophie: "Aw, haven't you any am- George: "Oh, Sophie, I could dance h'tion!"

Christmas

We extend to you our Best Wishes for a Merry Christmas and Prosperous New Year

The Royal Bank of Canada



IF CHRISTMAS finds you Happy and leaves you Glad—then will the Yuletide Season have fulfilled our most ardent desire.

Hearty Christmas Greetings

and a

Prosperous New Year

International Coal & Coke Co., Ltd.

COLEMAN

ALBERTA



The Fascination of Christmas

THE time draws near the birth of Christ. All hearts are sensitive with sympathy. It is the one festival of the year that overrides every barrier and sweeps all humanity into its glow and charm. There are no Scrooges left today—Charles Dickens made that type of person so melancholy and lonely that no one desires to stand out so tragically from the happy celebration. It is not difficult to understand the fascination of the day. The happiness is so beautiful and hearty, the atmosphere so radiant and warm that everybody wants to share in it. It is making others happy—that constitutes the attraction of Christmas. There is no selfishness in it—the thought everywhere is for others. Watch the crowd go hurrying by, each one laden with parcels to cheer and make radiant the day for others.

Take a peep into the places of "Christmas Cheer" and note the bundles of good things being prepared for the lonely and the stranger. The whole world is happy—there are no differences or disunities here. People work together without a thought as to social and creedal cleavages. There are no dividing gulfs at Christmas—love is the cement that binds all the elements together. How good it is to have at least one day in the year when divisions are forgotten and the fundamental unity of humanity is the dominant note!

A little girl at bedtime, was being comforted in her loneliness at night by the assurance that God was always with her. "Yes, mother," she replied, "but I want a flesh God." And so does all humanity! That has been the eternal cry of the human heart. God in Heaven was too remote. His majestic Power and awful Holiness produced awe and reverence but could hardly inspire love. He must draw near in fellowship with humanity. Only by taking on flesh and dwelling with men could He really command affection and confidence. Christmas is the time when "the Word was made flesh and dwelt among us." Heaven is brought close to earth. The angels are singing over the fields and the star sheds its light over the town.

Everywhere it is true that ideas and ideals must become incarnated before they can have influence with the sons of men. Music must be "made flesh" by the art of the singer before it can touch human hearts. Thought is expressed in the language of the lips ere it can have any influence. Once an orator was described as "eloquence made flesh." God can best be made known in human personality. That is the beautiful Christmas truth and explains its universal appeal. And where is there humanity so tender and spotless, so unspoiled and beautiful, as in a little child? The Babe is the epitome of all loveliness and goodness. Its little hand pulls at the heart. Its very helplessness summons our strength. Its innocence commands our admiration. The ancient prophecy summed it all up in the golden sentence: "A little child shall lead them."

Christmas is a day of joy. That increases its appeal, for the great hunger of humanity is for happiness. "I bring you glad tidings of great joy," sang the angel. The world needs that message, for in recent days there has not been too much joy. The laughter has died in human hearts and the songs have not been sung. It will be good, then, to hear the joy bells ringing at Christmas time and to listen to the carols outside the window. "Let joy be unconfined"—let it spill over into shadowed homes, find its way down dark alleys and pour its throbbing notes into every aching heart. There must be no grudging or careful economy at Christmas! "God so loved the world that He gave His only-begotten Son"—that must be the standard and measure of giving, a brimming, overflowing surrender of love in the ministry of joy.

One more note needs to be added to make the festival complete. It is the casting out of fear. That was the original word of the angelic message: "Fear not." Just now the world seems engulfed with fear. Nations sleep on the borders of terror. Individuals are faced with intolerable anxieties. Let this season be free of fear. Help to cast it out of the lives of others. Faith is the one thing that can do it. Christmas can only be properly kept when hearts are full of confidence and minds are freed of fear. When "peace on earth" comes, all the black dreads are abolished. Unity, joy, love, faith, these are the essential notes of "A Happy Christmas."



Gifts!

Practical presents are pleasant, but the real gifts are the love and happiness one bestows at Christmas.

Christmas Map Stamp

A UNIQUE commemorative postage stamp was the Canadian Christmas Stamp of 1898.

Thirty years previously, in 1868, the rate of postage on letters in Canada was reduced from five cents to three cents. During this time the rate for post cards was one cent between post offices in Canada, and also when addressed to United States points. On this account post cards were used to a very great extent, for private and also a certain amount of commercial correspondence.

It was argued at Ottawa that if the rate was reduced from three to two cents, that a much larger revenue would be derived, due to the increased use of the letter rate, and that many would cease to use the one cent postcard. This claim later proved to be correct.

Before the rate on Canadian correspondence was carried into effect, the idea was born, "if for Canada, why not for the Empire?" Negotiations were entered into, and as a result "Penny Postage" was obtained between all places in the British Empire, whereas formerly the rate was five cents.

Such a reduction in the rate of postage was an historic occasion, quite worthy of special recognition. Sir William Mulock was then postmaster general, and the stamp which was issued was of his design.

Few postage stamps have received as much public comment as that which greeted the appearance of the Canadian Christmas stamp of 1898.

The festive season was chosen to celebrate the reduced rate, and in the rush of the Christmas activities, one would almost have thought the appearance of the stamp would have passed unnoticed.

The first criticism was to the spelling of the word "Christmas" as "Xmas." The latter spelling is making use of the Greek letter "X" which stands for our "CH," and which was the symbolic letter for the name of Christ.

Then the phrase, "We hold a vaster Empire than has been," aroused comment. The statement was true, but some thought it boastful; and others objected to the wording "than has been."

It will be noted that the map is not presented in the form of two globes, which is the familiar one to most people, in which the meridians converge at the poles. This usual method of presentation has the effect of making countries above or below the equator seem smaller in comparison, than they really are. As a result Canada was thought by some to have "spread" itself, and be given more space or area on the stamp than she really possessed. The map, however, was approximately correct.

The Standard catalogue lists this stamp as having the oceans in two colors, namely "lavender" and "blue." This has occasioned some confusion. In our opinion, what is called "lavender" would be much better listed as "pale blue"—and what is termed "blue" is in our opinion decidedly a green.

In the printing process, the ocean colors were allowed to run "dry," the effect being that the shades "paled" from deep to pale. One may easily find specimens which apparently have no coloring at all on the oceans.

The "Canada First" album lists these stamps with oceans printed in pale blue and green, and also provides a space for one of the very faint shades of each color.

Quite frequently specimens are found in which the oceans may be said to have had a storm, for the color is a muddy brown. This has been caused by oxidation, and such stamps are spoiled.

Eating A Church

The good old-fashioned Christmas produces hearty appetites—and not only among human beings.

One of the strangest items of Yuletide news comes from an Alpine village, where, it was reported, thousands of famished rats had "invaded a garage and devoured a motor-car, leaving only the iron framework."

But the record for strange meals is surely held by the dogs who ate a church. Somewhere in the North, pious Eskimos built a church with a frame of walrus ribs, covered with walrus hides.

It was a nice church, but between morning and evening service one Sunday it was torn to pieces and devoured by a pack of hungry dogs.



May Your Yuletide
be happy
"Merry Christmas"

CRYSTAL DAIRY
W. Oliver, Prop.
BLAIRMORE and COLEMAN

Heartiest Season's
Greetings is the wish of

Mrs. Gilroy and Daughters
CENTRAL CAKE SHOP
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ALBERT NOGA
Expert Watch Repairing
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Sincere Greetings
To All Patrons

GUSHUL STUDIOS
Phone 285
BLAIRMORE : ALBERTA

Wishing all
a Merry Christmas

The
BLAIRMORE EXCHANGE
W. L. Evans, Prop.
Phone 156
BLAIRMORE : ALBERTA

Heartiest Greetings of
The Season to our
myriad friends

W. A. BEEBE
Insurance and Notary Public
Phone 37
BLAIRMORE : ALBERTA

The Compliments
of the Season

D. OLIVER
Draying
BLAIRMORE : ALBERTA

Heartiest Greetings
for Christmas and
The New Year

G. E. CRUICKSHANK, M.L.A.
HILLCREST : ALBERTA

The Same Old Wish—
"A Merry Christmas"

I. COMFORT
General Insurance
BLAIRMORE : ALBERTA



WHO IS YOUR NEIGHBOR? A GOOD CHRISTMAS GAME

This is a very lively Christmas game and one especially useful in an emergency, for it can be played without preparation of any kind. Arrange as many chairs as there are players in the form of a circle. When this has been done the party must divide into sides, one side being blindfolded and taking possession of the chairs in such a way that each has a vacant chair at his right hand.

The other side then move silently into the middle of the circle and at a given signal they must all mysteriously and noiselessly seat themselves in the vacant chair. At the word sing, the blindfolded players must all start singing. A well known tune may be arranged beforehand, or they may all sing anything that happens to occur to them at the time.

All endeavor to disguise their voices as much as possible. The blindfolded players must listen attentively, the object of each being to guess correctly who his singing right hand neighbor is.

Those whose guesses are correct have their bandages removed, and change places with their singing neighbors. The unsuccessful guessers must try again. One guess only is allowed each time.—F. H. Sweet.

RECEIVING CHRISTMAS GIFTS IS A FINE ART

Of course every gift given means also a gift received. Christmas always has two sides, and certainly there is great joy in receiving the tokens of love and friendship that come to us, not because of their money value, for most gifts are bought for small sums, but because they convey to us an expression of someone's affection. I heard a young girl remark when a little gift came to her, "Well, that didn't break anyone's bank." What a pity. As if Christmas could have in it great joy for anyone who looked for price tag on a gift. Our character is likely to be revealed by the spirit of our receiving gifts quite as well as by the spirit of our giving. It is this fine art of receiving well that will not only make Christmas the more joyous, but will also be an all-year virtue, if it is cultivated in our hearts.—F. H. Sweet.

Strawberry plants were still in bloom in Nova Scotia on November the 5th.

When a Scotchman fell: He accepted the offer of colder ice for the same money.

The C.P.R. will build a new ice house at Cranbrook, with a storage capacity of 3,000 tons of ice, or between 50 and 60 carloads, at an estimated cost of \$30,000.

We Greet You One and All
and
Wish You a Very Merry Christmas

J. E. GILLIS
BARRISTER AND SOLICITOR
BLAIRMORE ALBERTA

May the Candles that Twinkle
this Christmas Night be Beacons
of Joy to You

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SUGGESTIONS ON WHAT NOT TO SEND AS CHRISTMAS GIFTS (By Dan M. Gordon)

Not so long ago that our Oldest Citizen would have difficulty in remembering it, the matter of gift-choosing was comparatively easy. Martha could always be relied upon to send a knit muffler so that "Little Oswald won't catch cold." And in return the same venerable lady would have been shocked right out of her rocker if she had received a gift other than the embroidered centerpiece that reminded her of the Yuletide's arrival.

In those days, grandfather awaited with trepidation the simultaneous arrival of Christmas and the inevitable pipe "from his loving grandchildren." And Dad got his customary packet of vari-hued ties and galluses.

Weeks before Christmas, mother walked about the parlor; moving the bric-a-brac here and there, speculating as to the best place to set the painted china dish that was bound to come. And the children were content with Toyland's contribution and the chance to break some of the tree ornaments to hear them "akuash."

It's all changed today. Since the arrival of movies, Aunt Martha has come to long for one of those new-fangled tea-wagons; grandfather much prefers a "B" battery eliminator; dad's bent on having Venus on the radiator cap of the car; mother has her eye on a vacuum cleaner; and the kids want either a cocktail shaker or a set of sashweights.

What is the modern gift-giver to do? We don't know, but here's some of the things NOT to do:

DON'T send Aunt Martha a cocktail shaker—unless it is accompanied by a shilk to shake it.

DON'T send grandfather a football—he has enough to kick about already.

DON'T send grandmother a shawl. She has a boyish bob and they simply do not go together, m'dear.

DON'T send dad a washboard—Christmas will leave him plenty "clean".

DON'T send mother a smoking jacket. She is smoking too many cigarettes as it is.

DON'T send Mrs. Johnson the pickle dish that Mrs. Crabb sent you—unless you first remove the carl that came with it.

DON'T attempt to select a pair of knickers for junior. Choosing his own may be the only outlet he has for expressing his taste in art.

DON'T send daughter a hair ribbon—although it may be the only outward distinguishing mark of her sex.

Now that we've reduced the number of possible gifts to 4,763, 298—we feel that we've practically solved your gift problems.

WITH BEST WISHES TO ALL

for a

Merry Christmas

and a

Happy and Prosperous
New Year

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Wishing all
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